

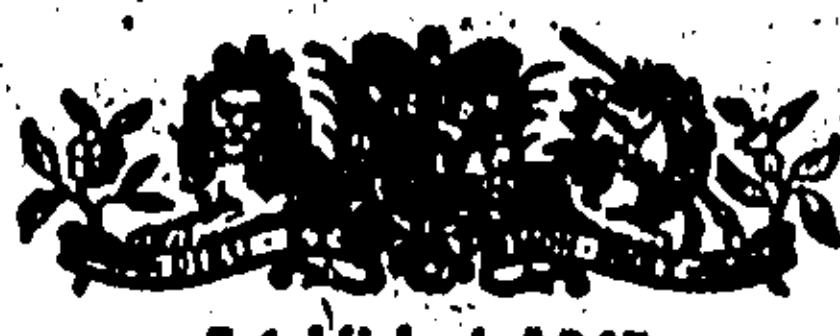
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COMMENT OF THE DAY

HK At The BIF

OUR London correspondent's report on the first day's business at the Hongkong BIF stand made pleasant reading. We hope, however, that he has not painted a picture of hues too rosy. Undoubtedly our exhibitors have learnt many lessons during the last six years, and determined efforts have been made to apply correctives and eliminate shortcomings. The two most glaring mistakes four years ago were the overloading of a small stand with inferior quality goods and the inability of exhibitors to make firm quotations to enquiring buyers. Judging from our correspondent's report there still appears to be room for improvement in the presentation of Hongkong's manufactures at the Fair, although this too needs to be related to the fact that whereas most of the other Commonwealth stands strive only to be decorative, "Hongkong is there to sell." But by far the most significant improvement in the Colony's exhibition is in the quality of the commodities on display. It has, perhaps, taken rather longer than necessary for our manufacturers to appreciate the vital importance of offering high-grade quality goods, and to shake off the tendency to believe that so long as an article is priced cheaply it will naturally find a ready market. Now this has been done, the Colony has discovered that it can compete in world markets; can attract buyers from the United States, Britain, South Africa, Germany, Holland, New Zealand, Italy and India, to name only some of the countries which displayed interest in Hongkong products on the first day of this year's BIF.

IT is to be trusted (we may even go so far as to say assumed) that our exhibitors are also in the position to make available price lists to enquirers. Nothing is more calculated to lose potential business at a trade fair than exhibitors being unable to make firm quotations when they are sought. And in the case of Hongkong this is particularly important because, as it has been emphasised, the Colony is exhibiting at Earl's Court for a reason more fundamental than prestige—it urgently needs, and is seeking, expanded exports of its own manufactures. Thus merely to boast an attractive looking stand is not sufficient; our exhibitors require to be in a position where they can answer any questions about prices, quantities, qualities and delivery dates, and willing and able to accept orders on the spot. It is noted with satisfaction that a wide range of new products are on show for the first time, and that all of them have won approval for their high quality. Therein lies the secret of successful exhibiting. And if too, the separate display of Hongkong knitted gloves does anything to put a stop to the calumnies which have been directed in Britain against these manufactures, it will have amply served its purpose. The 1954 BIF, so far as Hongkong is concerned, has got off to a good start. There is, evidently, a sufficiency of workers on the stand (which has not always been the case in past years); the goods on show are attractive; they boast quality and good finish; and they are being offered at competitive prices. With all these favourable influences, there is good reason to believe that the Colony's exhibitors will enjoy their most successful year since Hongkong was first represented at the British Industries Fair in 1948.

Defenders Of Dien Bien Phu Reach Their Last Resources

DESPERATE HAND-TO-HAND FIGHTING

General Assault Awaited

Hanoi, May 4.

Recklessly-attacking Communist soldiers drove a battering ram toward the vitals of Dien Bien Phu today despite a bulldog French counter-attack in a nightmare scene of slithering mud and torrential rain.

Rebel Vietminh battalions — outnumbering the defenders 10 to 1 — seized one more strong point on the westerly face of the stricken fortress. They already held three others taken in weekend attacks.

The garrison lashed back with a heroic bayonet charge. But after hours of ferocious hand-to-hand combat, the High Command announced the counter-attack failed.

(Authoritative reports meanwhile said American planes would airlift another French battalion 8,500 miles this week from France to Indo-China to help stem the worsening Red threat.)

The abortive French counter-attack was swamped under a hail of automatic weapons fire which the Reds rushed up to their new position. Casualties were described as heavy on both sides.

The French were crippled by lack of aviation. Thus there was no air umbrella for the defenders, floundering in a sea of slithering mud and ceaselessly churned into a maelstrom by shellfire and pelting tropical rainstorms.

The French Command believed today's attack, which started at 2 a.m. local time in a moonless night, was preparatory to a new general assault. After 48 days of almost constant battle which has pushed the garrison to the limits of human endurance, it might prove to be the fort's final agony, observers added.

THE DANGER

The danger of today's Vietminh stab was that the lost position commands a clear field of fire on the southern end of Dien Bien Phu's wrecked airstrip which is the only unobstructed French-occupied area to receive parachuted troops and essential supplies.

The rebels have already mounted a searchlight on the north side of the drop zone to spot nighttime supply planes.

The position, a tangle of barbed wire, minefields, log blockhouses and zig-zagging trenches, also looks down on the command post of Brig. Gen. Christian de Castries, the steel-nerved garrison commander. Without fresh supplies, he has only three days' ammunition to stand against a full-fledged Communist general assault, officers said.

Maj. J. Rousset, French military intelligence director at Saigon, said he believed the battle was about to be settled "one way or another" sometime this week.

While the Reds battered at the west side of the camp with an estimated three battalions against one company holding the strongpoint on position "Huguette," another Vietminh battalion jumped off against "Elaone" on the southeast.

Twice the screaming black and grey-green clad Vietminh soldiers broke through the barbed wire guarding "Elaone." But in a nightmare of hand-to-hand fighting with bayonets and trench knives they were repulsed in quick counter-thrusts.

TANKS IMMOBILISED

The French tanks at Dien Bien Phu were immobilised by the mud, military authorities said. About half the French artillery had been silenced earlier.

French aviation blocked by bad weather from Dien Bien Phu swung into action against Vietminh supply roads. Dozens of 1,000-pound bombs were dropped on Yen Bay and Provincial Route 13, 180 miles east of Hanoi. Enormous craters were dug and the French said all passage was blocked for at least 24 hours.

Into Action At Besieged Fortress



Here is action in the besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu. Two soldiers inside the French perimeter dash out of their fox-hole for another position. The situation at Dien Bien Phu is grave, and it is feared the fortress may fall to the Vietminh rebels by the end of this week. — London Express.

Collaborated With Chinese Reds

Ten Years For US Soldier

Washington, May 4. An American court martial today imposed a sentence of 10 years' hard labour with dishonourable discharge from the Army on Corporal Edward S. Dickenson for collaborating with the Chinese Communists and informing on his comrades while a prisoner of war in Korea.

The discharge carries with it forfeiture of all pay and allowances.

The case now goes to an Army board of review which is expected to complete its study of the record in about a month. The verdict was returned by a board of eight high army officers who had deliberated 1½ hours believed to be the longest in military history.

The maximum sentence under such a charge is life imprisonment.

Dickenson, 23, was the first man to be tried under a new provision in the military code which makes it a crime to supply the enemy with information that leads to mistreatment of fellow prisoners of war.

He spent 2½ years in a Communist prisoner-of-war camp in North Korea. He was one of 23 prisoners of war who at first refused repatriation but he and another man later returned to the United States. — Reuter.

69 ABSOLVED

Washington, May 4. The American Air Force announced today that it had absolved of all charges 69 members of the Air Force who had been prisoners of war in Korea and who were accused of having collaborated with the enemy during their captivity.

Fourteen other airmen, non-commissioned officers and officers who were prisoners of war will be discharged as a result of their actions or attitudes in prisoner-of-war camps.

Nine of them had been accused of falsely having confessed to participation in bacteriological warfare. The records of each of the 63 former prisoners of war had been studied by a commission of five generals. — France Press.

But He Wouldn't Say How

Geneva, May 4.

A Chinese Communist spokesman called tonight for improved diplomatic relations between Britain and China but when asked how this could be done he closed a press conference he was addressing without answering.

The spokesman said, China "welcomed" Britain's recognition of the Peking Government.

Answering a question the spokesman said: "After the establishment of the People's Republic of China the United Kingdom recognised this state and we welcome this fact and step by the United Kingdom."

"After that, diplomatic relations between China and the United Kingdom failed to achieve any progress. This is not because of something on our part. This situation should be changed."

He was then asked "how." He closed the press conference without answering.

Britain is the only big Western power which recognises the Communist regime.

When pressed by journalists he repeatedly denied that Communist China had intervened in the Indo-China war.

"China has made no intervention of any kind in the Indo-China war," he said.

NOT CHINESE SLOGAN

He described as purely hypothetical a question asking if Communist China would regard it as an act of aggression if any French forces reached the China-Indo-China border.

The spokesman earlier said that Communist China had nothing to do with the slogan "Victory for the Asians."

He was commenting on today's speech at the Korea session of the Geneva conference by Mr. Lester Pearson, the Canadian External Affairs Minister.

The spokesman said: "Apparently this is a slogan of Mr. Pearson himself. It has nothing to do with us at all."

The Asian people demanded that the military forces and

Attack On HK Launch Sequel

London, May 5.

The Queen's commendation for brave conduct has been given to a Flight-Sergeant flying an unarmed plane who attracted fire from a Communist gunboat to himself to save a naval launch, the London Gazette announced last night.

The Flight-Sergeant, Patrick Kenna, was leading a section of two Hornet aircraft on an unarmed reconnaissance in an area southwest of Hongkong last September, says the citation. Disregarding his own safety he carried out a number of dummy attacks on the Communist gunboat, which broke off its attack on the naval launch.

Sergeant Kenna, who is 22, came from Belfast, Northern Ireland. — Reuter.

Forty Feared Dead In Mine Disaster

Rome, May 4.

Forty miners are now reported to have lost their lives in the fire damp explosion in the Bella Ribolla Mine near Grosseto today. Twenty-five were missing after the mine had been taken, and they are now thought to be entombed in the gallery where the explosion occurred. Little hope is held of rescuing them alive, particularly since fire has been discovered to be raging in part of the gallery.

So far the number of known dead is fifteen. — France Press.

JOURNALIST'S 10-DAY FAST

Geneva, May 4.

A Vietnamese journalist, who supports neither his own government, nor Ho Chi-minh's Vietminh cabinet, last night began a 10-day fast here to "speed up the work of the Geneva conference."

The journalist, Vo Thanh Minh, has been given special permission to camp in the United Nations Park here. — France Press.

REPORT DENIED

Chiang, May 4.

The British military headquarters in the Middle East has denied that a British Major had been killed.

No mention was made of the captain reported to have been wounded in Egypt. — France Press.

PARALYSING WESTERN DISUNITY

Two-Day Recess For Geneva Conference

Geneva, May 4.

The Far East conference, paralysed by Western disunity, voted itself a two-day recess tonight to give the Western nations a chance to line up their policy on both Korea and Indo-China peace plans.

Everything hung fire while the United States and its United Nations allies pressed the South Korean President Syngman Rhee's Government to agree to a compromise plan for all-Korean elections as one key towards unification.

Lacking Mr. Rhee's approval, the West's hands were tied and it was unable to put forward a plan of its own to replace the Communist-sponsored North Korean proposals for unification.

On Indo-China, the Western Allies searched vainly for a peace plan that would not involve partition or surrender to the Communists. Neither the United States nor Great Britain would take the lead and the French delegation awaited word from Paris.

The decision to recess for two days while the West mended its own fences was taken after the conference had heard a grim warning from Canada that failure to agree in Geneva might plunge the world into a new conflict that "would engulf and destroy us all."

It followed, too, an appeal from the Netherlands to put an end to futile name-calling and speeches and get down to real negotiating.

After seven plenary sessions and one secret meeting the deadlock on Korea was complete.

REMOVABLE

The Communist bloc has stood immovably behind the North Korean plan. The West has rejected this but so far not been able to put up one of its own.

Delaying a Western plan is the question whether free elections should be held only in North Korea or throughout the country. The South Korean Government thus far has refused to budge on its rejection of elections throughout the country which it feels would reflect on its own legality.

Rather than show up the West's disunity publicly, the 16 United Nations have preferred to let the Korean debate drag out without any concrete proposals from their side while a nine-nation drafting committee tried to iron out their disagreements and the United States and others worked on the South Korean Government. — United Press.

The vote will be taken on Thursday afternoon. The Radical Party, which holds four seats in M. Laniel's coalition Government, unexpectedly demanded an early debate on the Indo-China war. This was a direct challenge to his declared wish to postpone a general debate on the subject until a more favourable moment.

The Radicals, supported by dissident Gaullists, apparently "take" the view that a debate now, despite its possible consequences for the Government, is preferable to waiting until the possible fall of Dien Bien Phu.

M. Laniel demanded the debate should be postponed until a more favourable moment and said the question of postponing it would be put as a vote of confidence.

CABINET DECISION
The Radical demand, made during a brief debate on Indo-China in the Assembly tonight, caused a sudden adjournment. An emergency Cabinet meeting then authorised the Prime Minister to make the issue the subject of a vote of confidence. All parties had earlier appeared to agree with M. Laniel that this was not the moment for a general debate.

But when he asked for support for a motion that the debate be held "at the earliest possible moment," a Radical spokesman asked for a debate on May 14. He insisted M. Laniel had agreed to this during behind-the-scenes talks.

Non-Radical Government leaders were trying to persuade the Radicals to withdraw their demand. — Reuter.

Soviets Dumped Guns, Radio Set

Canberra, May 4.

Australian officials said today that six pistols and a powerful radio transmitter, found in the Molonglo River near here, may have been dumped by Soviet Embassy officials shortly before they left Australia last week.

The police said today that more articles may be buried in the river mud. The radio transmitter is capable of sending messages anywhere in the world, officials said. — United Press.

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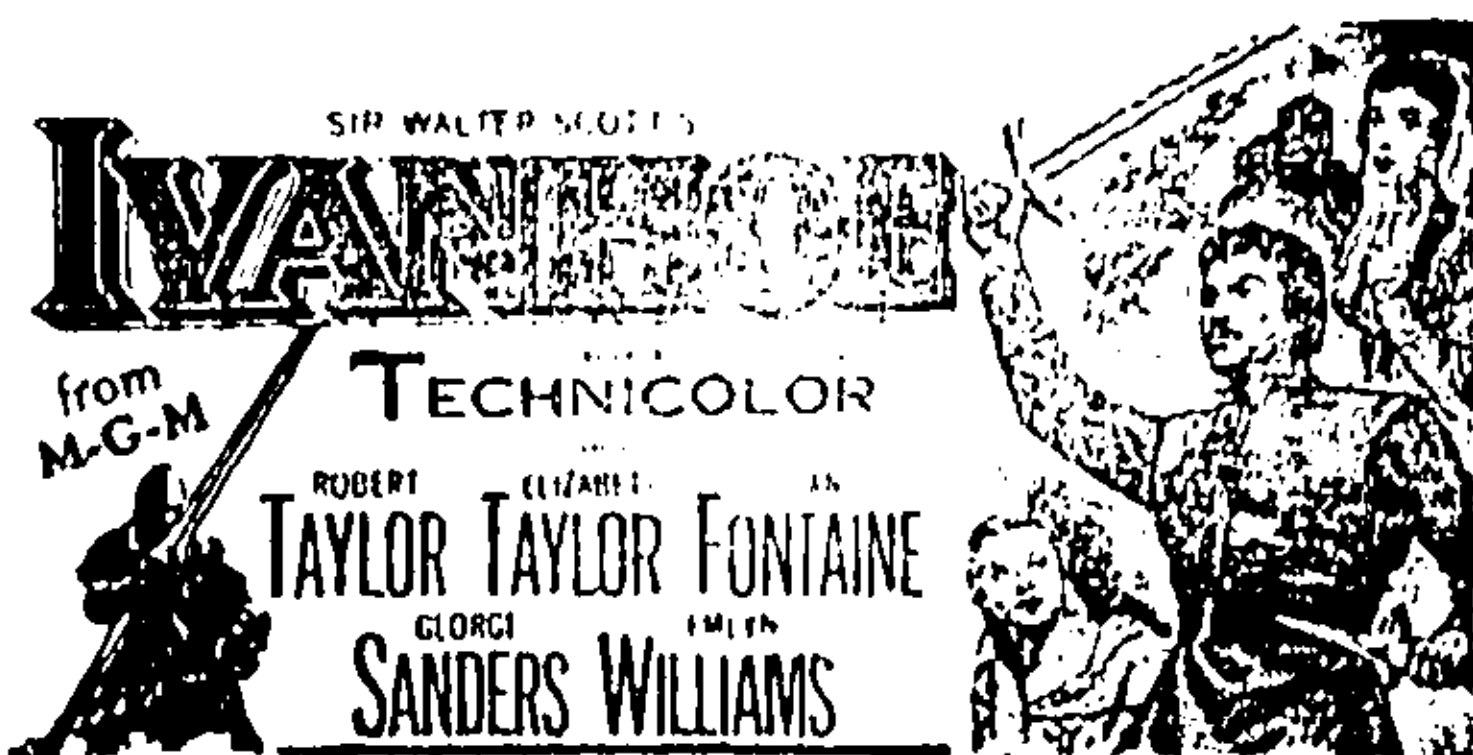
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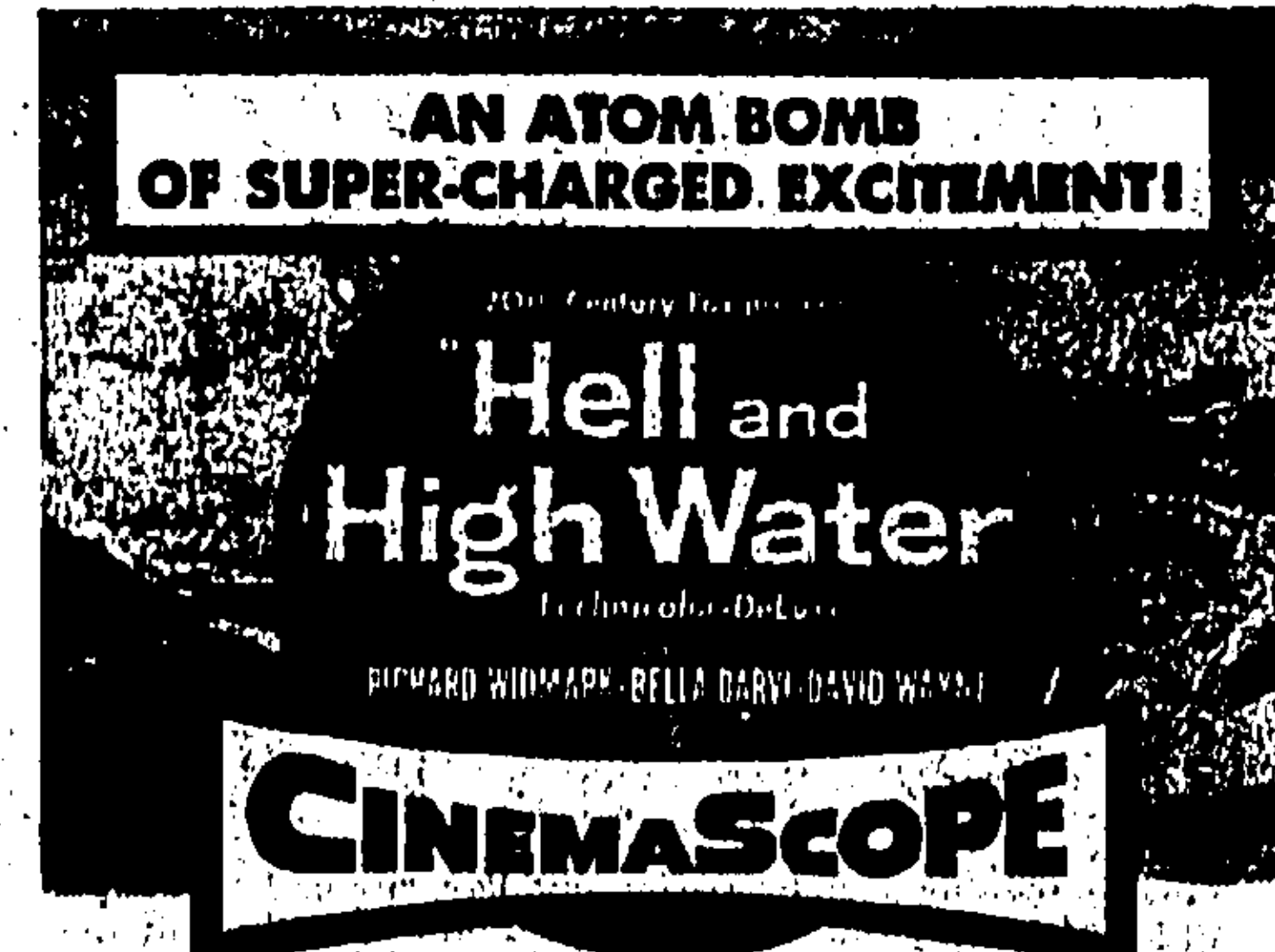


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RED CHINA ACCUSED OF
DRUG PLOT"They Are Trying
To Demoralise
The Free World"

New York, May 4.

The United States delegate to the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs claimed today that Communist China was "spreading narcotic addiction and obtaining funds for political purposes" through the sale of heroin and opium.

The delegate, Mr. Harry Anslinger, said the United States was a target of Communist China in this scheme to obtain operating funds and, at the same time "spread the debauchery of narcotic addiction among the free nations."

Mr. Anslinger said groups concerned in the trafficking were under the direction of the National Trading Company, which had headquarters in Peking.

"Members of the Communist regime undertake the management of those trading companies and other enterprises, including banks, which these companies control," he said. Mr. Anslinger alleged that "fanatical Communists are traffickers" had cut off the ears of drug peddlers who had revealed the identity of the supplying group. Other peddlers had been taken into the Communist regime, where they were "sealed off and thereby silenced."

Powerful Chinese closely associated with "top-notch Communist agents" locally and commercially had amassed fortunes of tremendous magnitude even by Western standards by feeding gold and strategic materials into Communist China in return for heroin and opium.

Communist controlled trading companies in China and North Korea, Mr. Anslinger alleged, "insist that one quarter of all goods leaving North Korea for South Korea must be either heroin or opium."

Yugoslavia's Appeal

No Foreign
Aid For
Indo-China

Belgrade, May 4.

The Yugoslav Foreign Secretary, Mr. Koca Popovic, said today "foreign" troops and large quantities of "foreign" military equipment must be kept out of Indo-China.

Mr. Popovic told the Yugoslav Parliament's Foreign Committee that the Indo-China problem was "quite different" from that in Korea. He said the Indo-China conflict started as a civil war "with unambiguous elements of a liberating anti-colonial war."

Referring to the Geneva conference Mr. Popovic said in Korea the truce must at least be preserved as a basis for further negotiations. The Berlin Foreign Ministers conference had shown that the reunification of Germany in the near future was not possible. For that reason it would not be necessary any longer to keep the occupation regime in West Germany and she should be allowed to reform.

He said it was essential for West Germany to enter the European Defence Community—aid for France and West Germany to reach agreement Yugoslavia would take her place in a unified Europe based on mutual confidence capable of defending itself against aggression and of building and maintaining peace. —Reuter.

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Profile Of A Hero



A new picture of a national hero—France's General de Gaulle, taken at his Headquarters in the besieged fortress of Dien Bien Phu. Not only in France, but in every country outside the Communist bloc, there is a surge of admiration for this leader and his magnificent garrison.—Express Photo.

Pope Resumes More
Official Duties:
Full Recovery Seen

Vatican City, May 4.

Pope Pius XII presided today over a special meeting of the Sacred Congregation of Rites for the first time since his recent illness.

The last time the Pope attended such a ceremony was in December, when the Congregation approved the miracle attributed to the late Pope Pius X who will be canonised by Pius XII on May 29, 1954.

Today's meeting was held on the second floor of the apostolic palace in the presence of nine Cardinals and members of the Congregation.

Before the meeting started the Cardinals, many of whom were talking to the Pope for the first time since his attack of gastritis which kept him in bed for well over a month, presented their compliments to the 78-year-old Pontiff and congratulated him on his rapid recovery.

During the meeting, the Congregation voted approval to three miracles necessary for the canonisation of three Italian Blessed—Giuseppe Pignatelli, Domenico Savio and Gaspare del Bufalo.

They will be canonised by Pope Pius XII in a solemn ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica scheduled for June 18, 1954. Before that canonisation, the Pope will elevate to the honour of the Altars the Blessed Pius X in an open-air ceremony in St. Peter's Square on May 29.—United Press.

Strong Censure On
Israel Demanded

New York, May 5.

The Lebanon formally asked the United Nations Security Council last night to pass the "strongest censure" on Israel for an alleged attack on the Jordan village of Nahalein in March, when nine Jordanians were killed.

She also proposed that the Council call on member nations to apply sanctions against Israel under article 41 of the Charter to prevent the repetition of such incidents.—Reuter.

Six-Nation
Parliament Plan
Approved

Paris, May 4.

The Foreign Ministers of France, West Germany, Italy and the Benelux countries have agreed, in principle, to try to set up a six-nation parliament when the European Defence Community treaty has been ratified by all parties, the French Foreign Ministry announced last night.

The six nations would, after ratification of the treaty, take steps to set up a six-nation parliament elected by universal suffrage to replace the existing Assembly of the coal and steel authority.

It would be responsible to the Commissariat of the European Defence Community.

The announcement said it was not intended to alter the E.D.C. treaty in any way, and any decision to set up the six-nation parliament would have to be approved by the national parliaments of the six countries concerned.

Aim of the parliament would be to increase democratic control of existing or proposed supra-national European institutions.

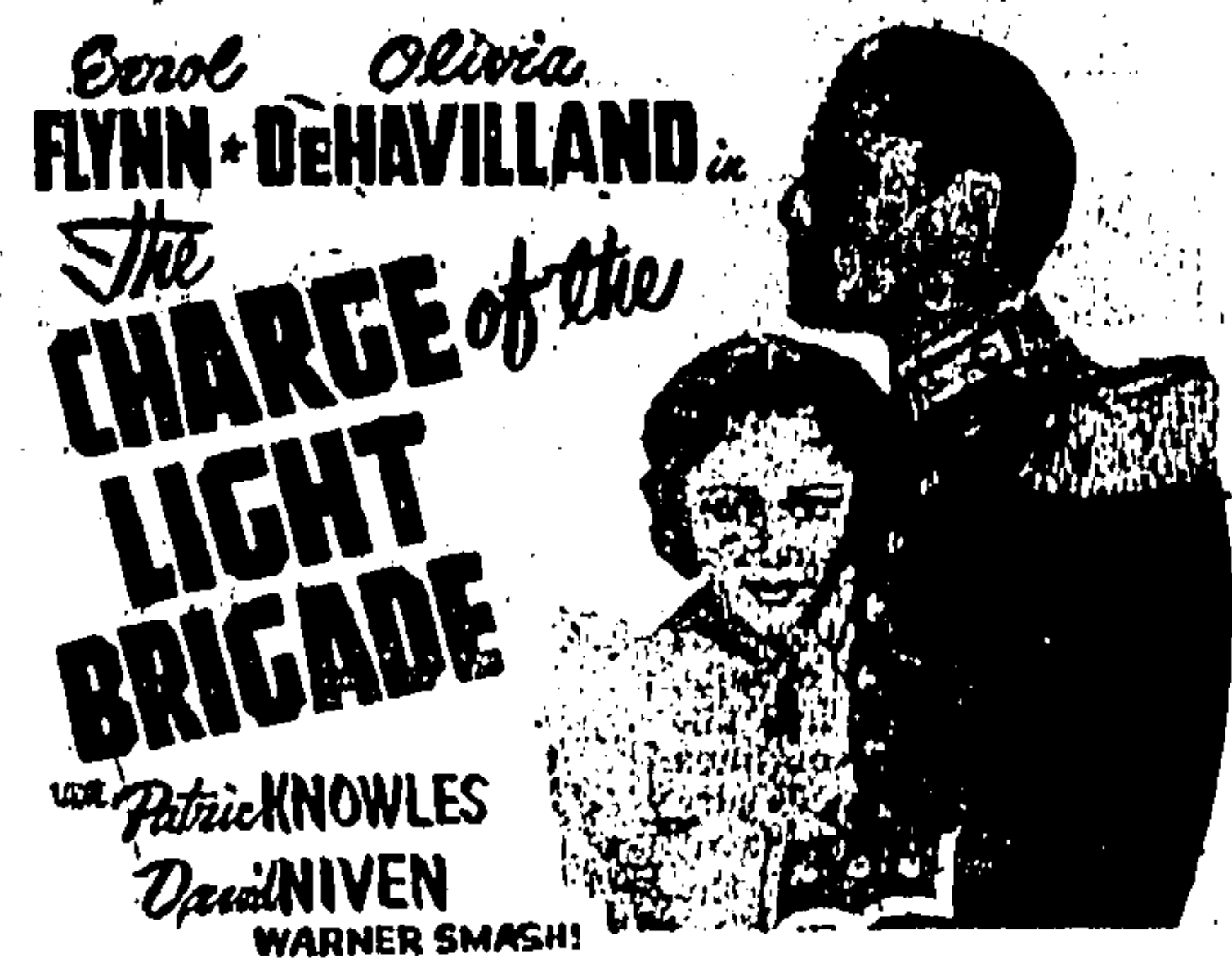
The agreement was seen here largely as a move to get the French Socialist Deputies, who have been demanding guarantees of effective democratic control for E.D.C., to vote for the treaty.—Reuter.

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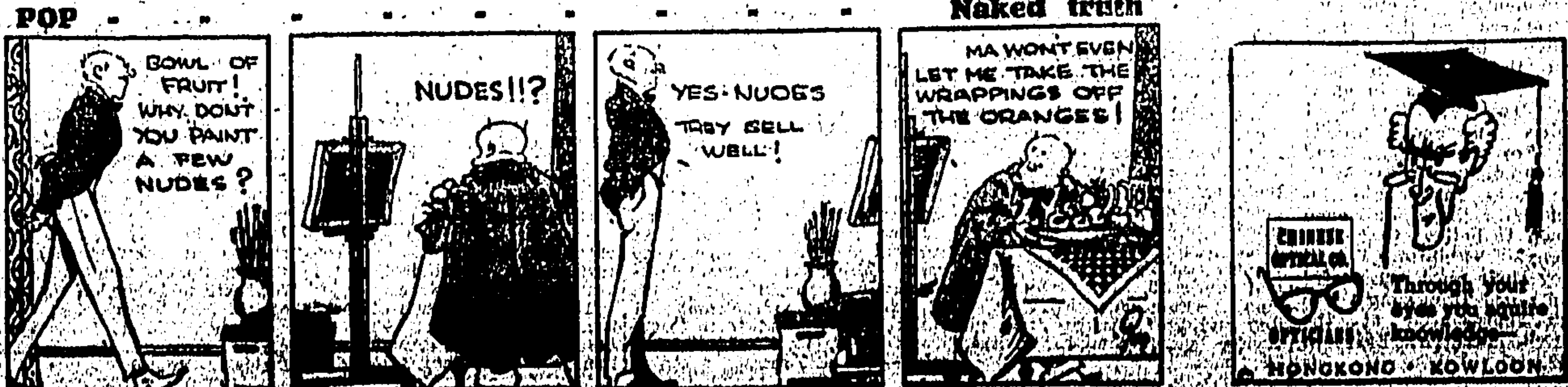
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Auckland May 4.
A Health Department medical officer of occupational health, Dr. F. H. King, said that it is impossible to distinguish clinically between intoxication by alcohol and intoxication by inhalation of benzene fumes.
He was giving evidence in a court case in which Frederick Butler was exonerated from a charge of driving a car under the influence of drink.
Butler said he had drunk no alcohol that day but had been using paint heavily diluted with benzene. — China Mail Special.

Pro-Mossadegh Demonstration In Majlis

Tehran, May 4.
A pro-Mossadegh demonstration broke out in the Iranian Majlis today when a Deputy denounced the former Premier's methods in nationalising Iran's oil.

Eighty deputies drowned out Abdul Eftehsami and shouted slogans in support of Mossadegh in a clear indication that the nationalisation of the oil is a measure that still has popularity.

Eftehsami said that Mossadegh was a traitor for forcing the oil nationalisation bill through the Majlis (National Assembly) hastily.

The 80 deputies raised a din of protest and demanded Eftehsami's expulsion. Eftehsami was unable to continue his speech. He walked back to his seat with the 80 deputies shouting after him.

The demonstration, the first of its kind in months, underlined the delicacy of talks now under way between the Iranian Government and representatives of a proposed international combine negotiating to restore Iran's oil production.

After Mossadegh nationalised the country's oil and expelled British oilmen from Abadan, Iran's oil production was strangled.

Premier Fazlollah Zahedi, who overthrew Mossadegh, is attempting to strike a settlement with the Western oil concerns that will restart oil production without encroaching on the nation's right to oil nationalisation. — United Press.

Backing For Canada's Warning On Increased Tension BRITAIN CONSIDERING FUTURE ACTION

Geneva, May 4.

British Commonwealth and United States opinion today backed Canada's warning to the Communists that failure of the Indo-China peace talks might increase world tension and the risk of war.

The Canadian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Lester Pearson, made the warning at today's plenary session of the 19-nation Geneva conference.

His reference to the possibility of collective Western action in the event of failure to end the Indo-China war also echoed Anglo-American determination to pursue the projected Southeast Asian alliance, diplomatic sources said.

It is believed also that, following Western consultations, Britain is now prepared to start discussions on its future policy towards Indo-China and Communist expansion in Southeast Asia as the trends of the conference emerge.

Differences between Britain and the United States over the timing of action in the area are now much narrower than they were 10 days ago following the French refusal to join the United States in sending bombers against the Vietnamese besieging Dien Bien Phu in Indo-China. It is understood.

The British refusal also held back the United States administration, which felt it needed Allied support to convince American opinion of the need for intervention.

This led to almost open resentment against the British in American circles.

The gap between the two views was then wide.

The United States wanted to act before the Geneva conference opened. The British were reluctant even to talk about common action until the result of the conference was known for fear of jeopardising the negotiations.

SAFEGUARD WEST

It is now understood that following consultations between the Western powers and the Commonwealth nations, Britain is prepared to start discussions on post-conference policy as the trends of the conference emerge.

This would safeguard the West against being without a plan of action in the event of failure at Geneva. The consultations would include the probable shape of the collective defensive

organisation in Southeast Asia and in particular how France's allies could help her in her serious military situation in Indo-China. These talks would not necessarily take place in Geneva, but could be pursued through normal diplomatic and military channels.

In these consultations, a study would also be made of the possible ways of protecting an Indo-China agreement if it were achieved here.

Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, is still awaiting a reply to his message to the Prime Ministers of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, asking them if they would consider associating themselves with the guarantees that would be needed to safeguard a settlement.

Some observers here think this might take the form of a three tiered structure.

There would first be an exchange of pledges between the two belligerents. This might be backed by an armistice supervised by the Asian nations like the three Asian Commonwealth countries, Burma and Indonesia. Behind these two on the Western side would be firm guarantees by the proposed Southeast Asian Pact partners.

It was authoritatively confirmed today that President Eisenhower has assured M. Georges Bidault, the French Foreign Minister, that his recent reference to the need for a modus vivendi between the Communist and non-Communist worlds was not meant as a hint that the United States would take a less firm stand in the Indo-China talks than it has planned to take with its Western allies. — Reuter.

NO CONCERNED POLICY

London, May 5.
Hope that a clear American policy for Indo-China may result from the return of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, to Washington is being expressed in diplomatic quarters here.

With the Indo-China talks due to start in Geneva before the end of the week, opinion here is uncomfortably aware that the negotiating position of the Big Three Western powers is neither clear nor agreed.

The current question as seen from London is how the Big Three Western powers will approach the Geneva talks this week on the Indo-China question.

At this late stage the impression is that there is no concerted policy. The blame for this cannot be laid wholly at the door of the United States delegation.

Neither British nor French opinion has been explicit and consistent in its attitude to the possible partition of Indo-China. But uncertainty in London and Paris appears to have been greatly promoted by uncertainty about the standpoint in Washington.

Only the return to Washington of Mr. Dulles could offer the prospect of a crystallisation of American policy on the Indo-China question; it is felt in London.

And in its absence alignment of the views of the three Western powers of the type which made the Berlin conference on Germany a triumph of solidarity for the West is impossible. — Reuter.



Soldier On Murder Charge Was "Out To Kill Wogs"

Moascar, Suez Canal Zone, May 4.

The prosecution at a court martial alleged today that Fusilier Edward McKinney, 35, shot dead an Egyptian police lieutenant from a distance of nine inches.

"These shots could not have been accidentally fired during a scuffle. They result from deliberate intention," Colonel R. C. Halse, the Prosecutor, said.

McKinney, a regular soldier of Manchester, pleads not guilty to the murder of Farid Hassan Nada, the Egyptian, in the Canal Zone in March 11.

A second charge alleging that the Fusilier, who is serving with the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, wounded an Egyptian civilian, Sakah Osman Saleh, with intent to kill was dropped.

Colonel Halse said McKinney drove a jeep to the Royal Air Force canteen at Fayid, where he had some drinks with lead-

ing aircraftman, A. Morgan, whose name would be mentioned several times during the trial.

He said Morgan, unlike McKinney, was not subject to the army act.

The Prosecutor said that later Morgan hit two Arabs on the head while McKinney threatened them with a pistol. When a civilian car approached, the Arabs asked for protection, Lieutenant Farid Nada, the Police Lieutenant, got out of the car.

CALL FOR HELP

McKinney and Morgan told him they were taking the two Arabs to the Egyptian police. The police lieutenant said he would do this himself. He put him inside his car and went to get himself.

The Prosecutor said Morgan then had an argument with the Egyptian and pulled him away from the car. He called on McKinney for help. As the car moved off with the two Arabs inside, a shot was fired, followed by two others.

Lance-Corporal J. T. Osborne, who had been given a lift by McKinney on the night of March 11, said the soldier was "a bit drunk" while his companion in the jeep was drunk.

His companion, who was dressed in civilian clothes, told Osborne: "We are out killing Wogs (Egyptians) tonight."

The hearing continues. — China Mail Special.

Malan's Threat To Leave UNESCO

Capetown, May 4.
Prime Minister Dr. Daniel Malan told the House of Assembly today that South Africa would leave the United Nations Educational, Social and Cultural Organisation if UNESCO made a more "serious attack" on South Africa's internal policy.

Dr. Malan said South Africa would in future "keep eyes open" in its dealings with UNESCO, with the Food and Agriculture Organisation and with the World Health Organisation. — Reuter.

Affected By H-Bomb Blast 1,000 Miles Away

London, May 4.

A Japanese whaling fleet sailing 1,000 miles from the United States hydrogen bomb explosion in the Pacific returned to port contaminated by radioactive rays, a press conference was told in London today.

The Secretary of the Christian Peace Group, Mrs. Catherine Williamson, a now religious non-party organisation, said the fleet arrived at Osaka when she was there last month.

The ship's steel hawser were found to be strongly radioactive, but food kept in refrigerators was not affected.

The crew were medically examined in case they were suffering from radio-active effects.

Mrs. Williamson, former Mayor of Canterbury, Southern England, attended the "World Peace" conference in Japan last month, which was organised by Buddhist priests. — Reuter.

In Turin the people are experiencing some very bad weather for this time of the year. Snowstorms, gales, and low temperatures were reported from all over Northern Italy. This picture shows one of Turin's many open-air cafes after the snowfall. — Express Photo.

Big Polio Epidemic Hits Hawaii

Honolulu, May 4.

The Territorial Health Department said today that polio had reached the epidemic stage on the three Hawaiian islands of Oahu, Maui and Lanai.

More than 100 cases of the disease have been reported on the three islands during the first four months of 1954, the Department said. Two other Polio cases were reported in other parts of the Hawaiian group.

The Department said of the total, 71 patients have been paralysed.

Dr. Richard Lee, Health Department President, said, however, that the epidemic was not yet dangerous enough to require restricted areas or a curtailment of public activities.

But he did say that the current polio incidence was far worse than the 1952 epidemic which was considered the worst in Hawaii's history.

Hawaii, which averages 41 Polio cases per 100,000 population per year, cannot order gamma globulin or the new Polio vaccine until the rate reaches 100 per 100,000. — United Press.

East Germany To Operate Civil Airline

Berlin, May 4.

Communist East Germany is planning a come-back in civil aviation with a Government-operated commercial airline to fly domestic Soviet zone and Eastern European routes, the West Berlin Information Bureau said today.

The Bureau, quoting East German Government sources, said Soviet approval had been given East Germans to begin operation of a civil airline at an early date following the recent Soviet grant of "sovereignty" to East Germany.

According to the Bureau Russia will supply East Germany with six twin-engine transports, probably American-made Douglas DC-3s, of which many still are in use with Aeroflot, the commercial Soviet airline. — United Press.

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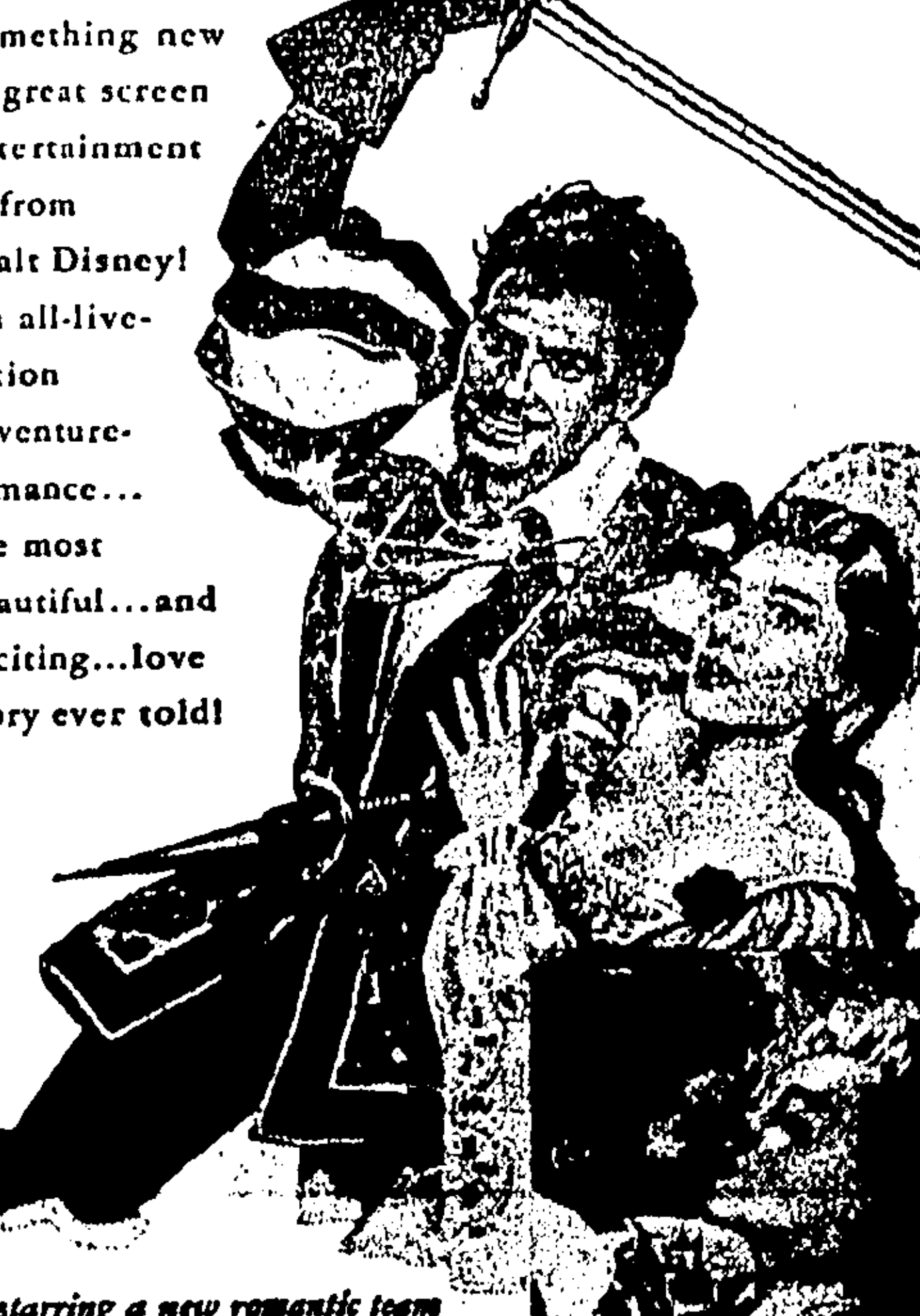
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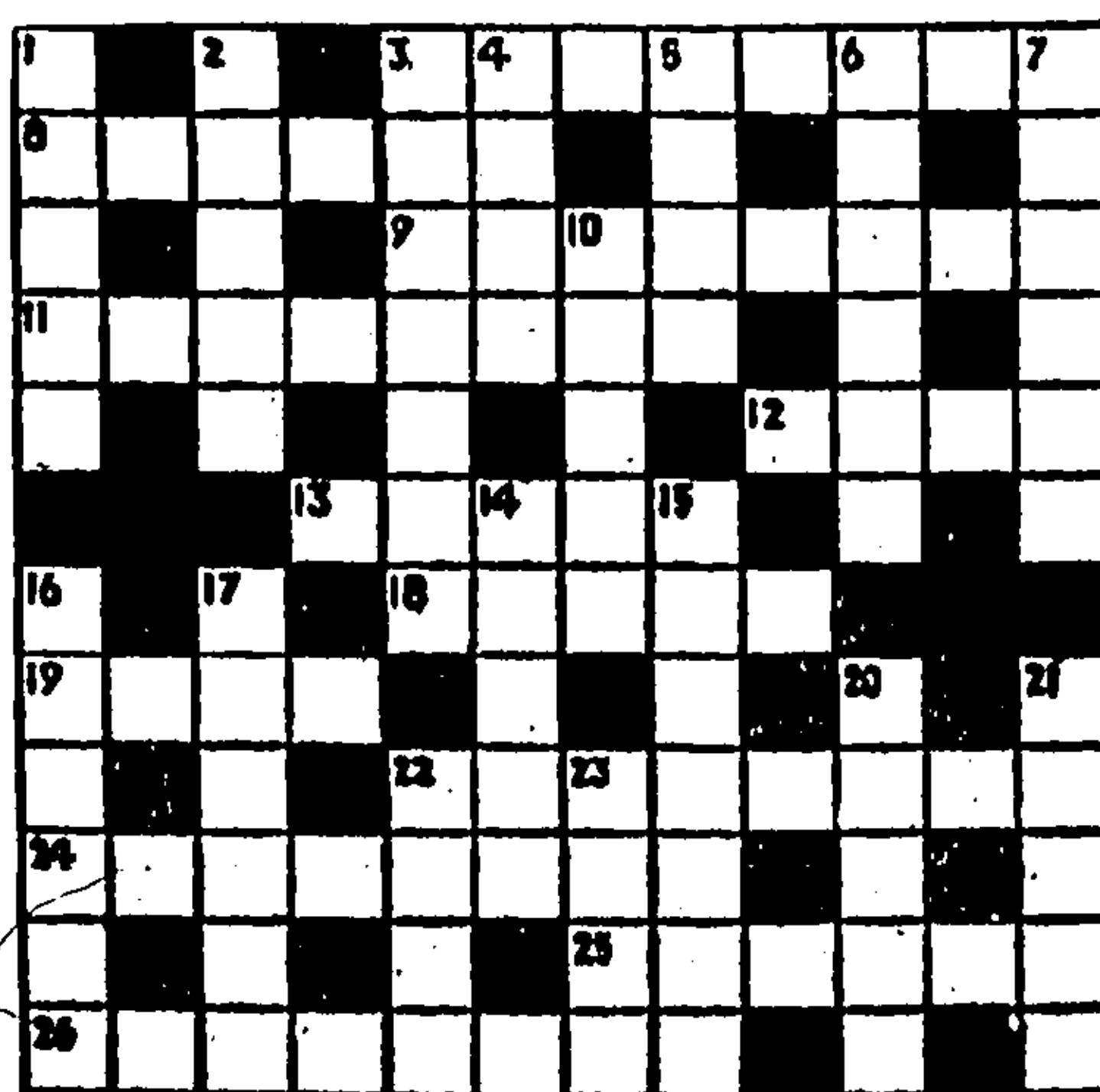
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- 3 Bunches (8).
- 8 Fit for consumption (6).
- 9 Alluring (8).
- 11 Livens (8).
- 12 Cut into cubes (4).
- 13 Headquarters (5).
- 14 Had a meal (5).
- 15 Irritate (4).
- 22 Discussing (8).
- 24 Virago (8).
- 25 Tried hard (6).
- 26 Without equal (8).

DOWN

- 1 Tree (5).
- 2 Courteous (5).
- 3 Freed from dirt (7).
- 4 Lanced (4).
- 5 Snow-shoes (4).
- 6 Sovereign remedy (6).
- 7 Drooped (6).
- 10 Part of a joint (5).
- 14 Longed for (5).
- 15 Occupiers (7).
- 16 Accident (3).
- 17 In short supply (6).
- 20 Of less importance (5).
- 21 Correspond (5).
- 22 Clock-face (4).
- 23 Fish (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 3 Affronts, 7 Erred, 8 Orifices, 10 Centre, 13 Anthems, 15 Dame, 17 Interim, 18 Confuse, 20 Evert, 21 Serious, 22 Relish, 27 Suspense, 28 Freed, 29 Sedulous. Down: 1 Mecca, 2 Grant, 3 Adore, 4 Rifle, 5 Nectar, 6 System, 9 Remind, 11 Envy, 12 Theft, 14 Sowers, 15 Devil, 16 Minus, 18 Census, 19 Nibbed, 22 Roots, 23 Clipped, 24 Shave, 25 Yell.

YESTERDAY'S BADMINTON

YAP AND EBRAHIM SCORE MOST SPECTACULAR WIN OF THE EVENING

(By ARGONAUT)

P. V. Yap and M. A. Ebrahim of Craigengower Cricket Club stole the spotlight in the Colony Open Badminton Championship games at Craigengower last night with the most spectacular and thrilling win in the four-event programme.

Outplayed by their clubmates Jimmy Ku and Albert Tam in the first set, they were trailing 9-14 in the second set when they began their upward surge that enabled them to take the set by 17-16.

In a thrilling third set, the score was again deadlocked at 16-16 before a good smash by Yap which Tam wooded ended the set and match.

Nervous and excited the winners could do nothing right in the first set against the steady aggressive play of their opponents, who ran through with surprising ease to win by 15-4. Both Ku and Tam carried their supremacy into the second set.

With strong smashes, drives and good net shots they jumped to a 6-1, 8-2 and 13-5, and 14-9 lead.

Plagued by simple errors throughout the match so far, Yap came into his own at this point when the match seemed all over. Coming to the support of his more consistent partner, he made two brilliant smashes to enable Ebrahim to take the score to 16-14. A half-court drop by Tam to the service gave his side the service.

Two successive errors by Yap brought the score to 16-13, but in the ensuing rally two wood shots by Tam put the other side in again. Tam successfully rushed the first service, but both he and Ku failed to reach a tricky net return by Ebrahim and conceded the set by 16-17.

BEST FORM
With both sides reaching their best form, the third set produced some thrilling rallies. The scores were even at 5-5, 8-8 and 9-9. Ku and Tam forged ahead to 12-10 and after being held to 12-12 came within reach of match-point at 14-12.

At this stage Tam had the bad luck to put up his shot and what looked like an out shot and on their next service Yap and Ebrahim took the score to 16-14.

The losers made a strong rally to 16-16 when Tam left a good back-corner shot. The winners just made their match point on their second service with a fine smash from Yap to end a thrilling match.

NOTICE

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Melbourne Will Still Have The Olympics

Lausanne, May 4. The Olympic Games will undoubtedly be held in Melbourne in 1956, according to a leading member of the International Olympic Committee, which is gathered here.

This member from Europe, who preferred to remain anonymous, is in close touch with all Olympic matters. He discounted the suggestion that the games might be taken away from Melbourne because of the refusal to facilitate the holding of the Australian events.

He was speaking after International Olympic Committee members and members of the International Federations had their first talks about the next games.

Two other finals and one semi-final were also decided. In the Ladies' Doubles final, Ullian Khoo and Winnie Cheung successfully defended their title for the fourth year in succession with 15-8, 15-11 wins over Craigengower's Helen Kwong and Mary Wong.

The challengers made a strong bid to dethrone the champions at the initial stages of the first set, but were gradually overpowered by the smoother combination of their opponents and their own erratic tendencies.

They took a 6-1 lead in the opening set, but were unable to hold it for long as the champions drew up to 6-7 and left them behind with five more points on their next two services.

Both Helen Kwong and Wong held on strongly at 8-12 when six services went without any additional point, but cracked up to allow Khoo and Cheung to romp home with three points in a row.

In the second set the winners made full use of the corners of their opponents and especially of Mary Wong at the net to take a commanding lead of 7-2, from which they never looked back although challenged at 12-10, and 14-11.

TOO STRONG
Winnie Cheung made a successful defence of another title when she and Helen Young annexed the Mixed Doubles title for the third year in succession.

In the all-CYMCA final, they proved much too strong for their clubmates Patrick Wong and Ullian Khoo whom they defeated by 15-4 and 15-3.

Although he was eliminated by second-seeded Bill Funk in the Men's Singles semi-final, Hector's Francis Rozario covered himself with glory by extending Funk to three hard-fought sets.

Reaching great heights in the first set, Rozario sent back practically every one of his opponent's accurate placement shots and scored repeatedly with his big smashes.

From 4-4 and ahead to 7-4, 9-4 and 14-5 to win the set by 15-5. Funk met with instant success in the second set when he switched on to a more forcing game and kept Rozario on the run.

Taking a 3-1 lead, he increased it to 5-3, and 8-4. Rozario made a strong stand to draw up to 7-9 and 8-10 but shot his last bolt in the efforts and Funk comfortably took the set by 15-10.

Rozario's inability to last the pace was more apparent in the third set. Though he held Funk to 3-3 and 4-4, his strokes began to weaken and he was gradually worn down by the stream of accurate forcing lobs of his opponent to his back forehand corner followed by fast drops to the same side on the front.

Funk raced ahead to 11-4 in one stretch and completed the match by a further point.

THE RESULTS
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Top picture shows how Chim lost its second goal in the second half of the game. Vietnam's inside right's shot off 30 yards caught China's goalie completely unprepared. No. 2 is China's back Lau Yee.

At left, Stephen Xavier of Hongkong is seen placing his starter board in place at the mark-line in the semi-final heat of the 200-metre run. A Filipino, Rjal Memorial Federation boy helped him to nail down in position. (Pan-Asia).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Nothing But Versatile

Sir,—I would like to correct a very minor point in one of your comments in your 'Army Sports Parade' last Wednesday. In fact 7 R's have not lost 12 hockey finals, as of course that would necessitate a very long stay in the Colony.

It may be of interest to you if I record in exactly which competitions we have been runners-up as finalists.

MAJOR SPORTS
1. Inter Hockey League ... 1952-53
2. Inter Hockey League ... 1953
3. Inter Hockey Cup ... 1954
4. Sikado Inter Service Hockey Cup ... 1954
5. Inter Unit ... 1954
6. Inter Unit Football Cup 1953
7. Inter Unit Football ... 1954
8. Inter Unit Rugby Cup ... 1953-54
9. Inter Unit ... 1954
10. Inter Unit Cricket League ... 1954

MINOR SPORTS
11. 35 Int. Badminton ... 1953
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14. 35 Int. Badminton ... 1954

It thus would appear that we are nothing if not versatile, and I wonder if such an all-round performance has been achieved by any other unit—with or without winners trophies!

We have incidentally won the 35 Int. Badminton, Motor Cycle Trials, the Inter Unit, Rowing, Football at the Regatta, and were third in the Inter Unit Small Bore Shooting League, to show that we also try other pastimes.

Regimental Sports Officer, 7 Royal Tank Regiment.

HUTTON MEETS THE SELECTORS

London, May 4. Len Hutton, the England cricket captain for the past years, attended a preliminary meeting of the England Selection Committee at Lord's here today.

It is customary for the captain of the most recent M.C.C. team to return from abroad to meet the selectors elected for the following home season.

His meeting may also be regarded as the first step to his appointment as England's captain for the forthcoming test series against Pakistan.

Hutton, who led the team in the West Indies, was in a position to give the selectors a first-hand account of the team's general and individual performances.

The England selectors are H. S. Altham (Hampshire) and former test-players N. W. D. Yardley, L. E. G. Ames and R. W. V. Robins.—Reuter.

MORE RECORDS AT ASIAN GAMES

Outstanding Feats By Japanese And Singapore Athletes

Manila, May 4.

Nine new Asian Games records were established in track and field events at the Second Asian Games to-day by India, Pakistan, Israel, Singapore and Japan.

But 13 individual athletes actually bettered previous Asian performances.

Outstanding success was Japanese Kaori Akagi's win in the 400 metres. He finished in 48.8 seconds, the fastest time for this event ever recorded in any Asian athletic meeting.

Another record-smashing victory went to Singapore's basketball team. Its score, 121 points, was the highest ever recorded since the London Olympics in 1948.

Japan added five final wins to their already high unofficial athletics score for the Games to-day. India, Pakistan and Israel also added a win each.

OFFICIAL SCORES
The day's scoring, calculated on individual events at 10 points for a win, six for a second, four for a third, three for a fourth, two for a fifth and one for a sixth, was (at nightfall):
Japan 107; India 36; Philippines 19; Pakistan 10; Israel 10; China (Formosa) 9; Singapore 6; Malaya, Indonesia and Burma 1 each.

Unofficial standings to date:
Japan 224; India 71; Philippines 35; China 21; Pakistan 25; Korea 10; Singapore 13; Israel 10; Indonesia and Ceylon 3; Burma 2; Malaya 1.

The Indian team in the 4 x 400 metres relay trials were booed when they took it easy in the second heat. Only three teams had entered and as three qualified for the finals the Indians apparently saw no reason why they should exert themselves. But their tactics did not meet with the approval of some Filipino spectators.

Israel's three-member team opened its unofficial score in the final of the women's running high jump when Kraus Ahuba cleared 5 feet 1 1/2 inches to establish a new Asian Games record. The previous record stood at 4 feet 11 inches, jumped by Kyodo Yonoda of Japan at New Delhi in 1951.—Reuter.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS
The following are the results of the track and field and the basketball games in the Second Asian Games held in Manila yesterday.

The feature of these was the breaking of the 400 metres record by the first five finalists of this event.

THE SCORES
Pakistan won 58 for one at tea in their one-day game against the Indian Gymkhana at Osterley.

Play began after a delay of three hours after rain had prevented play before lunch.

Neither young Hamif Mohammad nor Alimuddin looked happy on the difficult turf but Hamif earned applause for a well-timed hook for four, a stroke he repeated two overs later. Alimuddin spent half an hour over his first run.

THE SCORES
Pakistan First Innings
Hamif Mohammad c. Am-basana, b. J. Cooper ... 35
Alimuddin not out ... 21
Waqar Hassan, not out ... 0
Extras ... 2
Total (at tea) for one ... 58

—Reuter.

Asian Football Association Mooted
Manila, May 4. The formation of an Asian Football Association was discussed by Asian Games football delegates, including Hongkong, today.

Among the objects of such an association was the proposal to form a series similar to the World Cup competition in the possible participation in the World Cup championships eventually.

It was also proposed that special matches between Asian countries be arranged after the conclusion of the Second Asian Games for the purpose of raising funds for the formation of the A.F.A.

BASKETBALL
1st round—Singapore beat Cambodia 121 (record) to 55. At half time Singapore led 55-27. The match was played at the Philippine Sports Complex, Manila. The Singapore team was captained by Lau Yee. The Cambodia team was captained by Phoum. The match was refereed by a Singapore official.

The first half was played at 10.00 a.m. and the second half at 2.00 p.m. The match was played on a synthetic court. The Singapore team was in white and the Cambodia team was in blue. The match was played in front of a large crowd of spectators.

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1955 Could Be A Bad Year For US Tennis

New York, May 4.

This year probably will be the last time around the international amateur circuit for such American stars as Maureen Connolly, Vic Seixas and perhaps Tony Trabert, so the United States Lawn Tennis Association must begin building for 1955.

Miss Connolly, 19 years old and already holder of two Wimbledon and three USA championships, will be married next February to Norman Brinker, 22-year-old member of the United States Equestrian team in the 1952 Olympics.

"We intend to go into the guest ranch business and that won't give me much time for tennis," said Maureen. "We will make a final decision after we are married, but I rather expect this will be my last full season of tennis."

She already has her new sport selected and is well on her way in it—show horses.

"Next to tennis I have always liked horses best," she said. "When I quit tennis I still can show horses a lot, since we will have a ranch and plenty of horses. I recently took a third in a California show with a three-gaited horse."

Seixas is 30 years old and has been unimpressive for the past year. He lost both his singles matches in the Davis Cup challenge round in Australia last December, and before that was soundly trounced by Trabert in the Forest Hills finals.

"I'll play the full circuit this year but if I don't I may go back to the plumbing business in Philadelphia," said Vic.

FULL TIME
Trabert will quit college soon to devote his full time to tennis, which means a full tour of Europe and the summer USA tournaments. If he is successful, he almost certainly will turn professional.

Thus, if Trabert has a good year, which would mean beating Seixas and the star Australians

in the big meets, then both Seixas and Trabert would be among the missing amateurs in 1955.

If Seixas has a good year, both probably would be present in 1955—unless Vic turns pro. And if Lew Had or Kon Roswell whip the two Americans, then Tony but probably not Vic will come back for the '55 season.

"I want to find out what I can do in tennis," said Trabert. "If I find I am not getting any where in a couple of years, I'll quit touring around and settle down to a job."

America will find it hard to replace players of the ability of Connolly, Trabert and Seixas. However, California has several young girls stars, such as Julia Sampson, Darlene Hard and Barbara Beitz, who soon will be of international calibre.

Bob Perry is the most promising of the young men, but he is nowhere near as good as Trabert or Seixas.

Hamilton Richardson long has been a very promising player, but he has not improved much in the past few years. He still is promising. He is no threat yet to Had or Roswell, nor could he be rated above Sweden's fine young star, Sven Davidson.

It could be a bad year for American tennis in 1955.—United Press.

Pakistan Open Innings Against Gymkhana

London, May 4. Pakistan won 58 for one at tea in their one-day game against the Indian Gymkhana at Osterley.

Play began after a delay of three hours after rain had prevented play before lunch.

Neither young Hamif Mohammad nor Alimuddin looked happy on the difficult turf but Hamif earned applause for a well-timed hook for four, a stroke he repeated two overs later. Alimuddin spent half an hour over his first run.

THE SCORES
Pakistan First Innings
Hamif Mohammad c. Am-basana, b. J. Cooper ... 35
Alimuddin not out ... 21
Waqar Hassan, not out ... 0
Extras ... 2
Total (at tea) for one ... 58

—Reuter.

Asian Football Association Mooted

Manila, May 4. The formation of an Asian Football Association was discussed by Asian Games football delegates, including Hongkong, today.

Among the objects of such an association was the proposal to form a series similar to the World Cup competition in the possible participation in the World Cup championships eventually.

It was also proposed that special matches between Asian countries be arranged after the conclusion of the Second Asian Games for the purpose of raising funds for the formation of the A.F.A.

BASKETBALL
1st round—Singapore beat Cambodia 121 (record) to 55. At half time Singapore led 55-27. The match was played at the Philippine Sports Complex, Manila. The Singapore team was captained by Lau Yee. The Cambodia team was captained by Phoum. The match was refereed by a Singapore official.

The first half was played at 10.00 a.m. and the second half at 2.00 p.m. The match was played on a synthetic court. The Singapore team was in white and the Cambodia team was in blue. The match was played in front of a large crowd of spectators.

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GEORGE WHITING'S COLUMN

Cockell's Ringside Cheer Will Be For Rocky Marciano On June 17

Don Cockell is to meet Rocky Marciano, heavyweight champion of the world, in New York next June. Unfortunately the planned visit is semi-social and looks like being altogether too friendly.

But at least it shows that Cockell regards quite seriously his chance at getting a shot at Marciano's title before the year is out. Why else would he and his manager, John Simpson, contemplate the expense of two air fares out of their personal pockets?

Some of the sceptics, myself included, have expressed the opinion that the politics of American pugilism would never permit Cockell a crack or two at Marciano's girdle-like chin. But manager Simpson thinks otherwise: "provided the money is right."

So if Cockell beats Harry Matthews again at the White City on June 1, he will be off immediately to New York to offer a challenge to the world champion.

Encouragement? Of course. On June 17, Marciano defends his title against Ezzard Charles, the not so young Negro from Cincinnati, and if Marciano fails to push off Charles then Don Cockell will have to whistle for his world championship chance. For in those circumstances, we should be regarded by a second instalment of Marciano v. Charles next September—this being an unwritten part of the contract for June 17.

Gavilan To Meet Saxton In Title Bout

Philadelphia, May 4. Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan and Johnny Saxton, fourth ranking contender, will meet in a title bout at Combs Mack stadium here during late June or early July, it was announced today.

Promoter Herman Taylor said he and the International Boxing Club will co-sponsor the event.

Taylor said the final details of the bout, including the date and ticket prices, will be announced within 10 days. No decision has been reached on television and radio broadcasts, he said, but if it is televised, the Philadelphia area will be blacked out.

The promoter said the fight will be held on the announced date, rain or shine. Although the fight is outdoors, a huge canvas canopy will be spread over the ring and all seating will be in the stands under cover. —United Press

Home Cricket Games Off

London, May 4. No play was possible today in the following three matches owing to heavy overnight rain which saturated wickets. All were abandoned.

At Lords: MCC 103, Yorkshire 62 for two.

At Oxford: Oxford University 309 for nine declared, Gloucestershire to bat.

At Cambridge: Leicestershire 300 for four, Cambridge University to bat.

At Portsmouth: The two-day match between Hampshire and Sussex was abandoned as a draw owing to rain. Sussex 220 for six declared, Hampshire 211 for six (Rogers 91, Marshall 58). —Reuter.

Who is YOUR H.K. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR?

NEVER before has there been so much public interest in Hongkong soccer than during the season now ending. And never before has the Colony boasted so many talented players—players who have given tens of thousands of soccer "fans" clever and thrilling exhibitions of their prowess in this greatest of all local field sports.

The China Mail has, therefore, decided to organise among the followers and supporters of local soccer a Gallup Poll to determine, by popular vote,

Hongkong's Footballer of the Year.

China Mail readers are cordially invited to fill in the form below, nominating whom they regard as the Colony's outstanding footballer of the current season.

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 - (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong. Entries will close on MONDAY, MAY 10.

The result will be announced on Saturday, May 15.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

Signed



For the second time this season we are delighted to welcome Craftsman Grant to the spot of honour in the Tommy Atkins Sports Parade. At Boundary Street on Sunday this young soldier turned in another magnificent performance in the 3 miles event in the Triangular Athletic Meeting.

Once again this young athlete ran with all the skill, determination and judgment of a veteran. He assessed the strength of the opposition with rare accuracy and his thrilling finish made him a clear and worthy winner from Chan King-yin of South China. The soldier returned a time of 17 mins. 3.2 seconds as against Chan's 17 mins. 5 secs.

With several athletic meetings still on the calendar it seems certain that we shall hear more about Grant and it would be a unique situation if his performance brought him back to complete a hat-trick of appearances at the top of the Sports Parade.

Judged by the overall opinion of astute observers it seems certain the general feeling is that the standard of play in the Caldbeck Cup Final was disappointing. There is similarly no doubt that the R.A.S.C. side from Singapore was the better team and it was regrettable from a local interest point of view that the 32 Medium Regiment Royal Artillery never really struck the game that carried them to victory over their semi-final and final opponents in the Hongkong Competition.

It seemed that on this occasion the allowed themselves to be overcome by the importance of the game and after losing two rather soft goals they also lost their confidence.

The visitors tried hard to play good football all the time and their hard and fast tackling proved too much for the Gunners.

OUTSTANDING PLAYER

The outstanding player in the game was Cowan at inside-right for the winners. This tall blonde forward was always in evidence and his quick and accurate passing repeatedly caused danger to the opposing defence.

Gunner Wallace, at right half in the 32 Medium side, emerged just about the best half-back in the game. With a little more weight this player could be playing in top class football.

It was pleasing to see ASM C.F. Mintie of BEMF having such a good afternoon with his whistle. Mr. Mintie is one of our very best Army referees but he is seldom seen in the limelight as he does not normally officiate in the civilian games. His refereeing was concise and prompt and the players never had any difficulty in following his decisions.

One disappointing feature of this game was the comparatively small crowd that turned up to watch it... and the strange quiet of those who did. Apart from the exhortations of a few vociferous spectators the crowd was seldom roused to even a casual cheer, although there was no lack of support for S/Sgt. Redwood's call of "Three Cheers for Mr. McGregor" after that gentleman had presented the cup to the Staff Sergeant who had captained the winning side.

One of the features at Lieut. "Red Duster" Boxing Tournament which was held at the China Fleet Club last Wednesday was the good work of the Army Physical Training Instructor who took on the duties of referee and judge.

Many complimentary remarks were made about the refereeing of QMSI F. S. Goodall who handled all his bouts with discretion and who displayed a fine commonsense appreciation of the rules. It is interesting to know that several of the boxers went out of their way to remark on his performance in the ring.

CONGRATULATION

Congratulations to the team of Army athletes who so brilliantly retained possession of the championship shield at the Triangular Athletic Meeting at Boundary Street on Sunday.

The well balanced nature of the team was shown by the fact that they claimed 9 firsts, 10 seconds and 3 thirds in registering a total of 69 points, which was 19 points better than South China Athletic Association who finished in second place.

It will be good news for basketball enthusiasts that plans are afoot to run a summer league among units in parts of the New Territories.

It is really astonishing how this game has grown in popularity in the Army in recent years. It now has a very big and keen following and there should be plenty of support for the idea of a summer competition.

A tremendous amount of work has been going on to

HOLLYWOOD HEADLINES

Films Responsible For "Modern-Living" Ideas

By JENNIFER JOHNS

I first noticed it the other day when I visited a neighbour: the inescapable fact that films, more than any other factor, are responsible for a swing towards "modern living" in American homes.

My neighbour had just had a "glass wall"—one huge sheet of glass—run along the sunny side of the house. It was broiling inside and, from a distance it looked as if the entire side of the house had been taken away. I asked her what gave her the idea. "My husband and I saw it in some film and we thought it looked cute. It cost a lot but it is unusual. You don't need any windows!"

I tried to find the door (even the hinges, door knobs and latches are transparent) and agreed that it was certainly unusual—and went on a tour of the studios to discover more about the influence of the films on the home.

The Studio bosses were ready to talk. They said that it was old news as far as they were concerned and that they prided themselves on having taught young America how to live—or any way how to furnish a home.

Manufacturers, I was told, "go wild" to have any new household gadget included, however, discreetly, in a film.

On one occasion a film showed a star brushing his teeth with a tooth-brush with red bristles. For three months the Studio was flooded with letters from stores and cinematographers all over the country asking where they could get tooth brushes with red bristles.

The studio had to admit that it was all a mistake—someone had used the only toothbrush available at that moment to "touch up" a murder victim with Studio blood!

No manufacturer, it appears, troubled to see the gold-mine under his nose and start production of red-bristled tooth-brushes. The idea is still going free.

There are rumours (strong ones) that Mr. and Mrs. Di Maggio (Marilyn and Joe) are going to start their own film company any day now. Franchise the Minnie is having a "miniature receiving set" manufactured to fit in one of his ears. To enable him to hear his master's voice up to almost a mile away.

Errol Flynn is listed among the 10 wealthiest men in Jamaica.

The lead in the movie version of "Rose Taito" (to be made in London this summer) is expected to go to Shelley Winters.

Tony Martin has just given Cyd Charisse a luxury sky-blue convertible. "No special reason except that I love her." By Hollywood standards that's not a special reason, it's an exclusive one!

A villa in Italy for Rex Harrison and Lilli Palmer. They have sold all their property and will keep just the villa.

Making a show of making up her mind recently was Debbie Reynolds. "I'm going to marry a doctor," she told the Press. Asked who, she replied: "I don't know yet but he must be a doctor."

Linda Darnell tells me that she plans to live in Mexico definitely and for good. At present she is just finishing "Night Music."

A musical to end all musicals may be coming along shortly. Paramount is preparing a script to include Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. There'll be music too.

Terry Moore hopes that her night-club singing and dancing Hot in Las Vegas will bring her a new contract. For a musical. "A girl can't live by bickins alone!" she says. It just depends what you call living. Terry can't grumble.

Montgomery Clift has revealed that he doesn't like Hollywood. Not to live in any way. "I thought every one knew it. My home is in New York. Whenever I am in Hollywood I just stay at an hotel."

Saw Joan Crawford the other night. Wearing a pink mink. If I could use the information I would find out how.

CINERAMA HOLIDAY

Cinerama is coming up with a second film venture presenting

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To Wolves For Tour

Wolverhampton Wanderers, as English champions, are to receive a big offer to play in Brazil in July. From Mr. Jose da Gama, delegate of the Brazilian F.A., now in England with the Olimpia team.

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to his dressing room on the morning of the shooting and learns just the lines for the day. No more, "and", he adds, "of course no less!"

Clark Gable is stumped if he has to face learning more than half a page of dialogue at a time. And he likes solitude for the half-page. "Usually I look myself up in my dressing room. Then it's just a personal battle between me and the script."

Finally, I found that more stars than ever before, use tape-recorders to see what they sound like.

Jeffrey Hunter, Howard Duff, Phonda Fleming and John Payne are just a few of the Wildmark, on the other hand, relies on his wife for judgment. "I act everything out in front of her." Judging by Dick's still-souring successes there is something in the idea.

"Cinerama Holiday" also makes news. It includes shots—the first ever filmed—of High Mass in Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris.

LEARNING THEIR LINES

It all looks so easy on the screen but last week I probed into the question of how film stars learn their lines. I discovered that, for them, the ordeal of learning a script is even worse than the ordeal as known on the stage.

On stage there may be footlights but there are no microphones fastened on booms circling above. Nor is there a camera trolley (sometimes two or three) following your every movement.

Finally there are no close-ups. All of these obstacles make learning a film script double the job that it is on the stage—or so the film stars think anyway.

As a result most stars have their own pet ways of learning their lines. I found, for instance, Tony Curtis trots round and round the perimeter of the nearest giant sound stage—to get really warm. "I find my mind works better when I'm all warmed up."

Bing Crosby (he's just finished "The Country Girl" at Paramount) believes that relaxation is the key to good script-learning. As a result Bing never takes a script home at night. "That way lie the wet towels wrapped round your head." Instead he goes straight

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For Tampering With Film Criticism

LONDON EDITOR CENSURED BY PRESS COUNCIL

London, May 5.

Mr Herbert Gunn, 50-year-old Editor of the Daily Sketch, was today censured by the Press Council for allowing a film criticism in the newspaper to be altered without the writer's consent.

Britain's Press Council — voluntary guardian of journalistic standards — was formed in July 1952 following the recommendations of a Royal Commission on the press. It consists of 25 members drawn from newspaper proprietors, editors and employees representatives.

The Council gave its "complete support to the principle that a critic has the right to insist that where his name is to be published with an article no alterations, apart from those of normal sub-editing, or those which are necessary to protect a newspaper against legal action under common law, should be made without the sanction of the critic or his agent."

The film concerned was "Front Page Story", which showed life in a popular daily newspaper. The star was Jack Hawkins, one of film magnate J. Arthur Rank's top box office attractions.

In its statement the Press Council said it "cannot agree it was proper for the editor to have allowed his association with a film to affect his newspaper's judgment upon it."

MISUNDERSTANDING
 This was not further elaborated in the statement.

The Council said it noted Mr Gunn's statement that he gave orders the critic's name be taken off the notice, and that owing to a misunderstanding this was not done. But it deplored the fact that the editor "offered only a private apology and did not print a public apology."

"Puffing Billy" Must Stay

Melbourne, May 4.
 A fight is being made to keep in commission "Puffing Billy", a small, quaint narrow-gauge train that has won the affection of thousands of visitors to the beautiful Dandenong ranges.

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"OKHLA"	due	from Japan
	sails 6th May	for Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kharramshahr, Basrah, Kuwait, Direct Other P. Gulf ports via Bombay
"OLINDA"	due	from Persian Gulf
	sails 12th May	for Japan
"UMARIA"	due	from Japan
	sails 20th May	for Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Kharramshahr, Basrah, Kuwait, Direct Other P. Gulf ports via Bombay

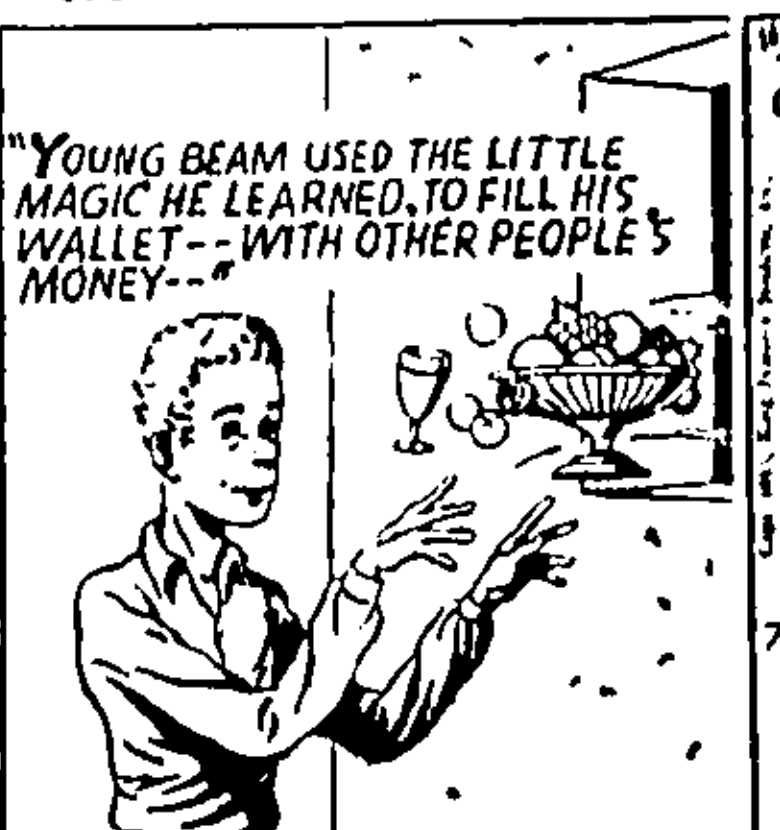
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	sails 13th May	for Labuan, Sandakan, Manila, Cebu, Davao, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne & Adelaide
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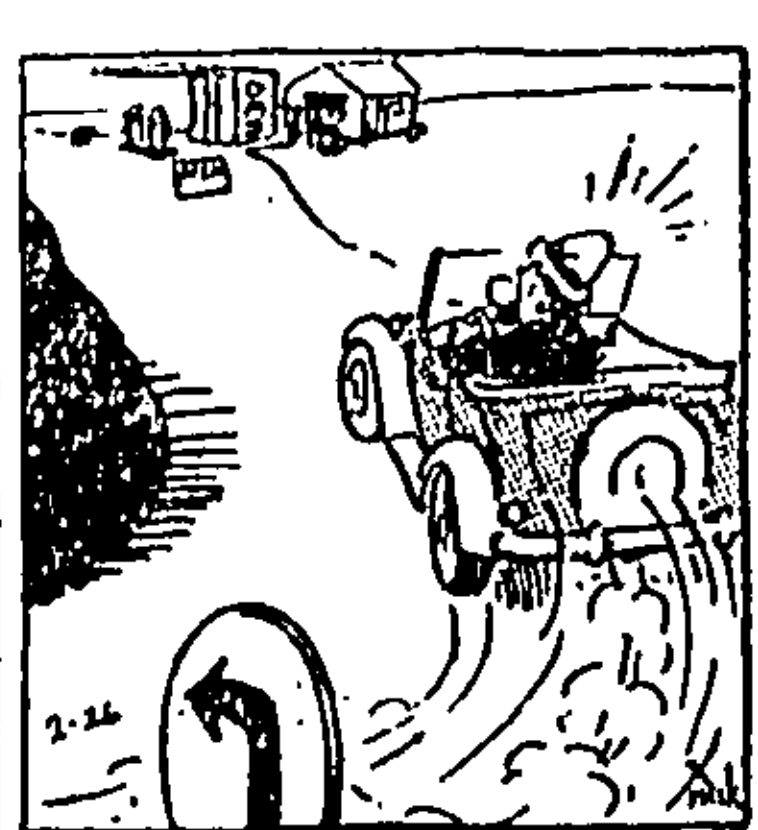
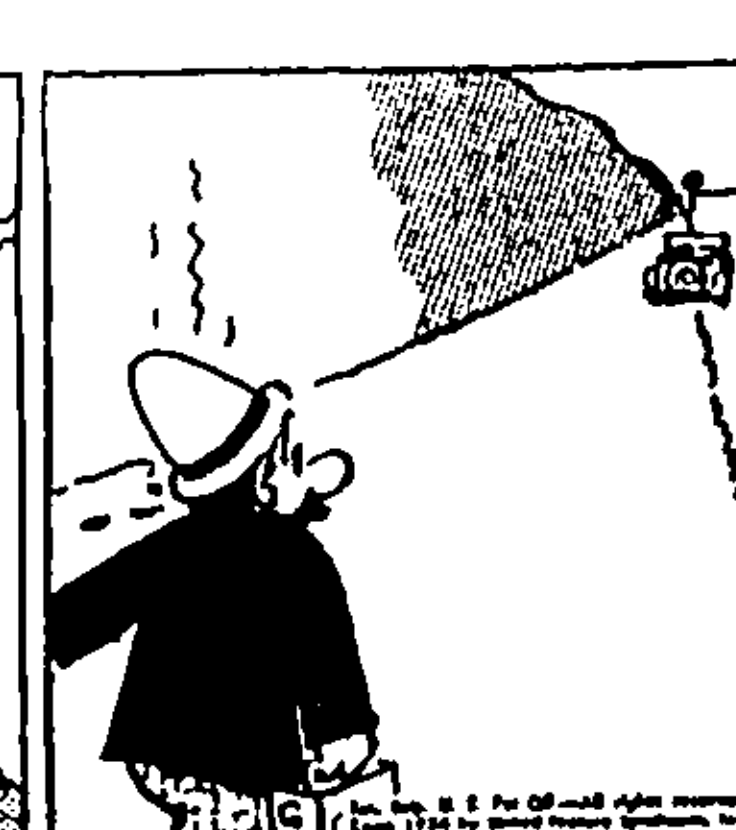
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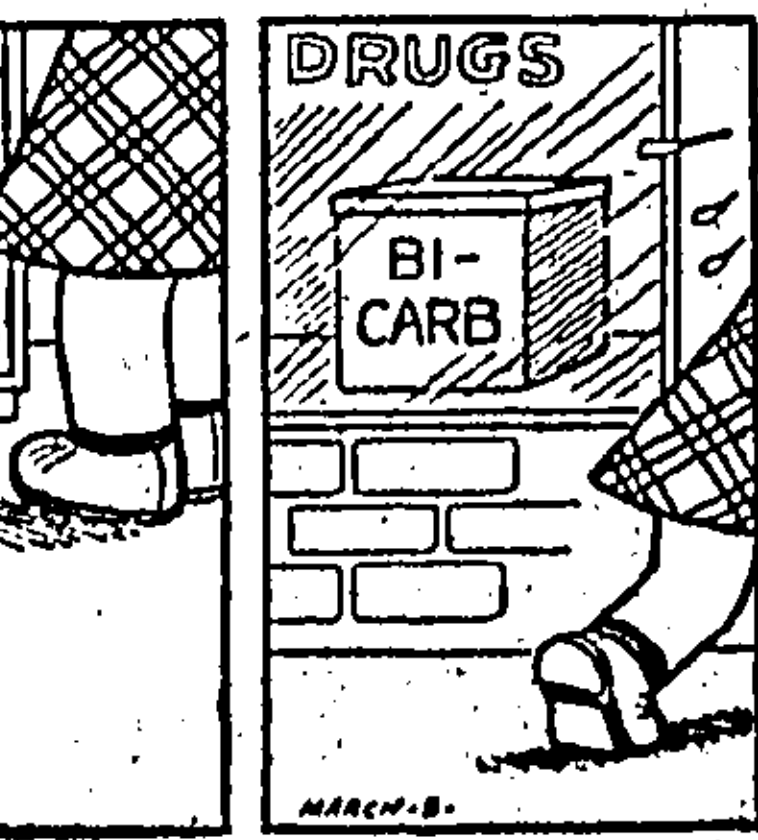
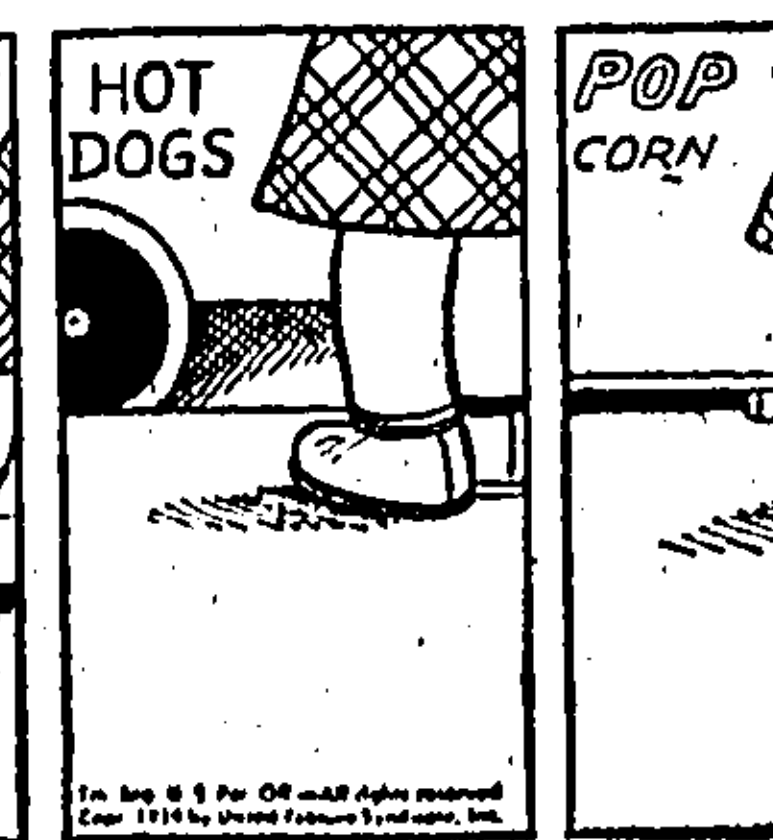
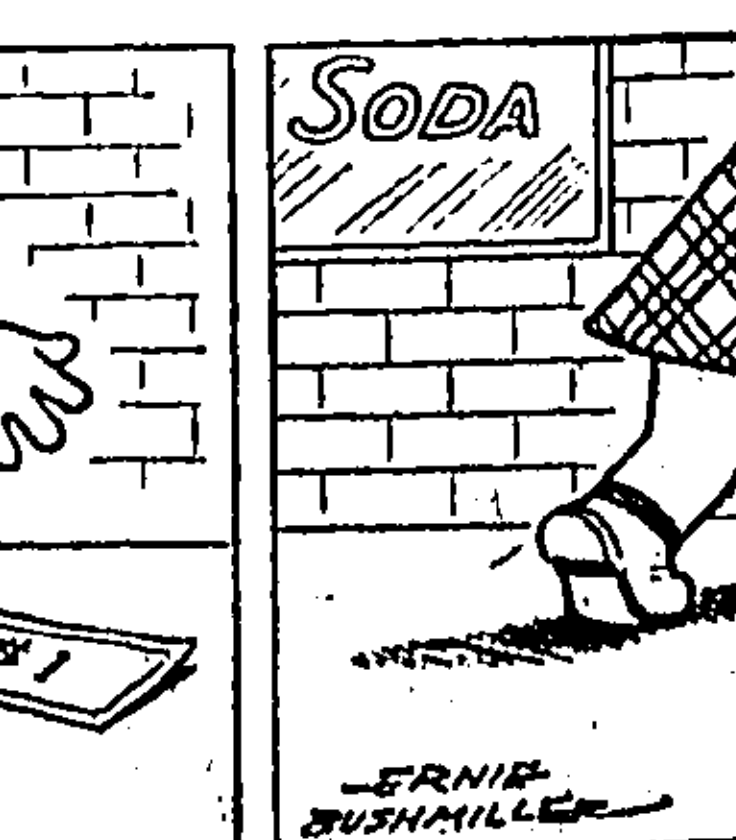
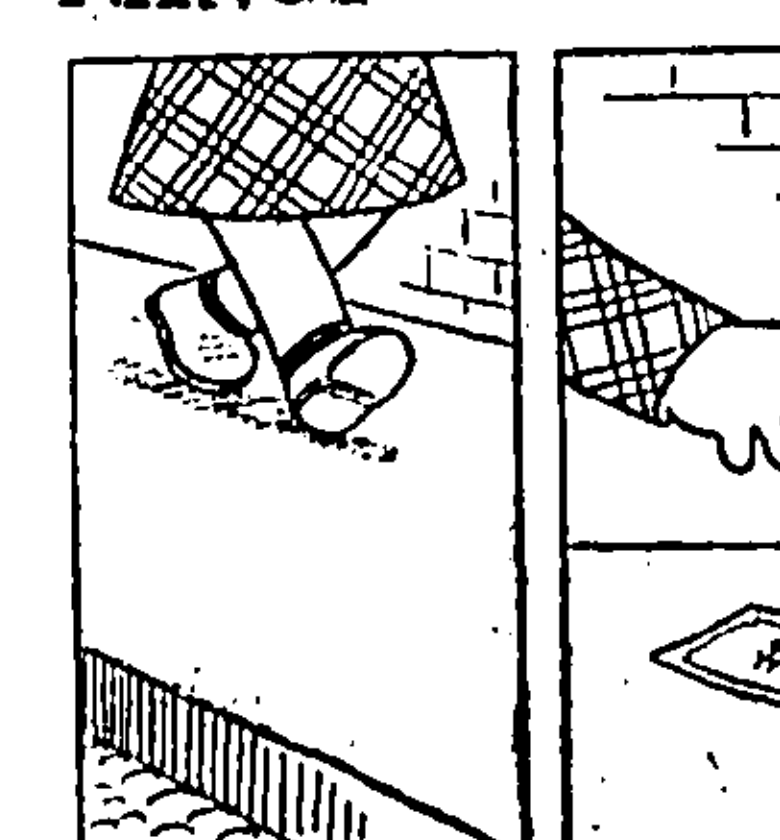
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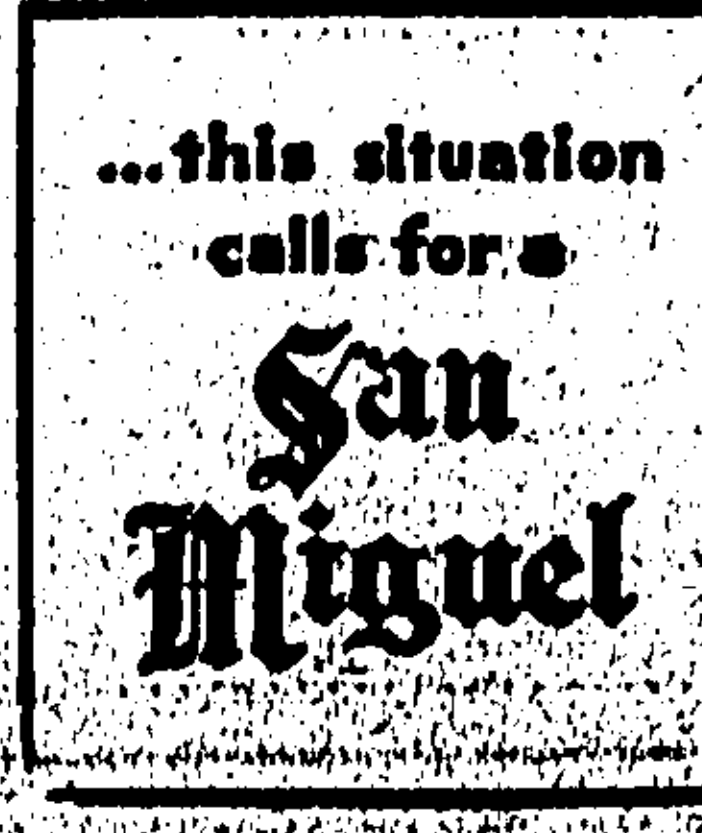
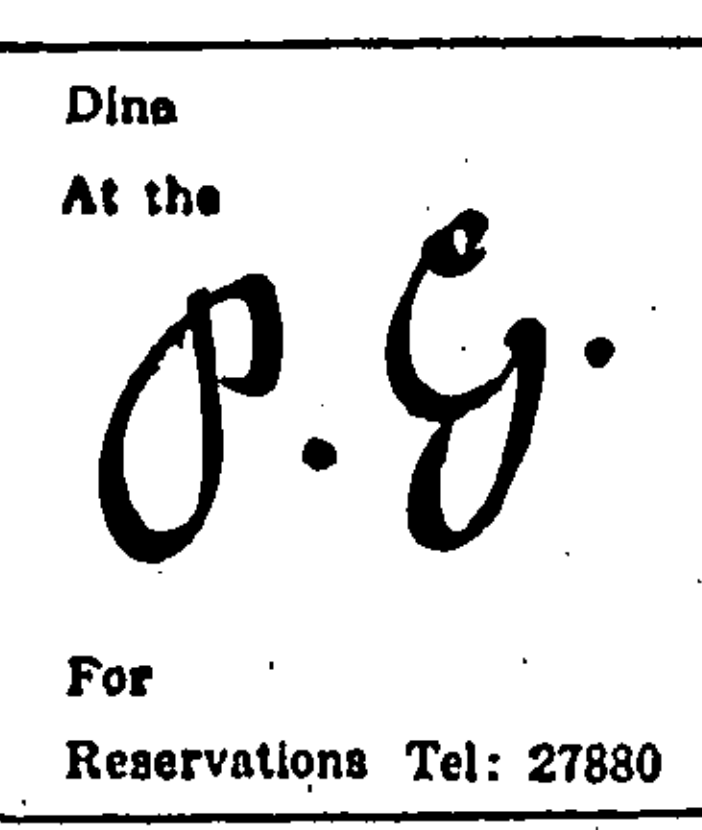


By Ernie Bushmiller

JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins



Big Sapphire Goes Begging (For £25,000)

Michael Sweeney, an Australian, cannot find a buyer in America for a 322-carat yellow sapphire he has offered for sale in a number of cities, according to New York reports.

The sapphire, called The Golden Willow, was discovered by a prospector in Willow Field, Central Queensland, in 1932. Its value was placed at a minimum of \$50,000.

Experts suggested that the gem, the largest of its kind in the world, would bring at least 75,000 dollars (\$25,000) in the American market.

PROSPECTIVE BUYERS
 Since he arrived in America in February, Mr Sweeney has visited prospective buyers in several big cities, including Boston, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

He said in Orange, New Jersey, where he is living with friends, that the sapphire was at present in the hands of a Los Angeles jewellery firm.

"It was suggested to me before I left Australia that it might be worth while to tour Britain and other countries and place the Golden Willow on exhibition," Mr Sweeney said.

"If I don't sell it now, I may do that, and sell it after I have completed the tour."

(London Express Service)

Anti-Communists Arrested

Berlin, May 4.
 The East Berlin security services have arrested several agents of the anti-Communist N.T.S. organisation from information given by Dr Alexander Trukhmovich, the former head of the organisation in West Berlin, the East German A.D.N. news agency reported today.

One Hundred Years Of Banking In The Far East

A Review Of Sir Compton Mackenzie's "Realms Of Silver", Routledge & Kegan Paul Ltd. 25/-

Quite apart from wars, revolutions, earthquakes, typhoons, tidal waves, plagues, famines and economic slumps and recessions of varying degrees which have shaken the Far East in the last 100 years, the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China suffered an almost crippling handicap in its early years.

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BRITAIN IS MAKING ONE CAR EVERY 11 SECONDS

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET Industry's Output Rate Jumps In March EXPORTS HIGHER

New York, May 4.

A strong rally group sustained the stock market advance today, contributing heavily to the total gain of nearly \$1,000,000,000 in the value of all listed stocks.

Individual gains in the rally ranged from 3 to 10 points. A group, they averaged \$1.96 higher, their best since last September 15 and they ended at their highest level since July 9 last year.

Lockheed Aircraft, up almost a point at one time, closed 10 points higher, realizing the gain. The company's rise in the day repeated higher gains for its first quarter and directors declared the usual quarterly dividend.

Steels were generally lower. Utilities were fractionally higher as a rule.

There were numerous spots in the market, with the average for the group of a four per cent rise since October 22, 1929, but profit-taking cut back many gains.

Out of 1,181 new issues, there were 450 higher, 424 lower.

Trading was slow early in the session with prices generally running below last night's close, but picked up later. Turnover of 1,000,000 shares compared with 1,870,000 yesterday.

The gain in rail, particularly pleasing to market men, they have lagged badly in recent months, lifted Atlantic Coast Line 3 1/2 points, Illinois Central rose 2 1/2.

The NY Stock Exchange volume was \$3,783,000, and the American Stock Exchange volume was \$10,000 shares.

Dow Jones closing averages were:

20 Industrials 110.82
20 Rails 101.19
10 Utilities 105.49
10 Stocks 106.76
40 Bonds 106.76

Indo-China Navigation Dividend

It is announced by Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., The General Managers of The Indo-China Steam Navigation Company Limited that the Board of Directors have recommended the following appropriation for the 1953 dividend of 10 per cent on the Company's 69th annual general meeting to be held on Friday, June 18.

Dividend of 10 per cent for the year 1953 on 247,945 Cum. Preferred Ordinary Shares, £14,877; dividend of 10 per cent for the year 1953 on 495,890 Deferred Ordinary Shares, £4,958; dividend of 10 per cent for the year 1953 on 495,890 Deferred Ordinary Shares, £4,958; dividend of 10 per cent for the year 1953 on 495,890 Deferred Ordinary Shares, £4,958.

The net profit for the year ended December 31, 1953, amounted to £133,080 and after adding the sum brought forward as at January 1, 1953, there remained a balance of £220,627 available for allocation as above.

LONDON METAL PRICES

The tin market was firmer while the rest of the market was steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Tin spot 112 1/2
Copper spot 112 1/2
Lead spot 112 1/2
Zinc spot 112 1/2

NEW YORK FUTURES

Prices of metal futures closed today in US cents per lb. as follows:

Lead May 112 1/2
Copper May 112 1/2
Zinc May 112 1/2

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local market for exchange rates as follows:

100 dollars = 100 dollars
100 pounds = 100 pounds

CAR EXPORTS TO OVERSEAS MARKETS 1949 - 1953

The rate of British car output in March dwarfed all previous monthly figures with an average of nearly 14,700 a week. This meant that one new car came off the nation's production lines every 11 seconds of the working period. Commercial vehicle production averaged nearly 5,000 a week.

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders announced this in London last week.

Over the first quarter of the year car output at 183,000 units was up by 51,000 and commercial vehicle production at 61,700 units was up 3,700 on the numbers made in the first three months of last year.

The first export figures show that British motor industry is facing up to intense competition from rival producers.

In the month of March itself, the highest figure for car output since January 1952, 14,600 cars and buses were shipped abroad.

For the first quarter of the year, the volume of motor vehicle exports was also greater in each case than in the same quarter in 1953, an increase in 17,000 cars, 8,400 in all, were exported, while an extra 6,350 commercial vehicles brought the total to nearly 33,000.

The same comparison shows that the easing of export restrictions in Australia and New Zealand resulted in 14,000 more British motor vehicles going to those two Dominions, and provides some revealing facts on how the industry is faring in other markets.

On European continent, for example, car exports to Sweden rose to over 8,000 from less than 5,000, bringing that market to third place in the list of principal buying countries after Australia and the U.S.A.

British car sales to the hotly contested Belgian, Dutch and Danish markets also increased, to Belgium and Holland by over 1,000 in each case, and by 700 to Denmark. 2,000 more models went to the Irish Republic at a total of almost 4,400.

Car exports to the U.S.A. though lately on the upward trend, fell over 2,000 down on the quarter's comparison with last year; to Canada, on the other hand, there was an increase of more than 500 units to nearly 6,000 following a consignment in the month of March itself of 5,400 cars.

Exports to the higher level of trade with Australia and New Zealand, the quarter's comparison for the main commercial vehicle markets shows that exports to the Irish Republic more than doubled at a total of just over 2,000 units.

On the Continent, too, both Belgium and Holland each increased their purchases by several hundred units.

British agricultural tractor manufacturers also contributed to the motor industry's export successes. The 20,700 tractors sent abroad by March this year topped by 3,000 the number sent in the first three months of 1953.

Commenting on the latest figures, the Director of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, Mr R. Green, Cooke, said: "This magnificent achievement is the answer to those who say that the British motor industry is losing ground."

NEW YORK SUGAR Market

New York, May 4.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 2 points lower to one point higher with sales of 10 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 62 contracts.

Trading in both contracts was restricted, although prices showed a softening tendency in line with the raw market.

Future closings:

Contract No. 4 (wheat) 23 1/2
Contract No. 6 (sugar) 23 1/2

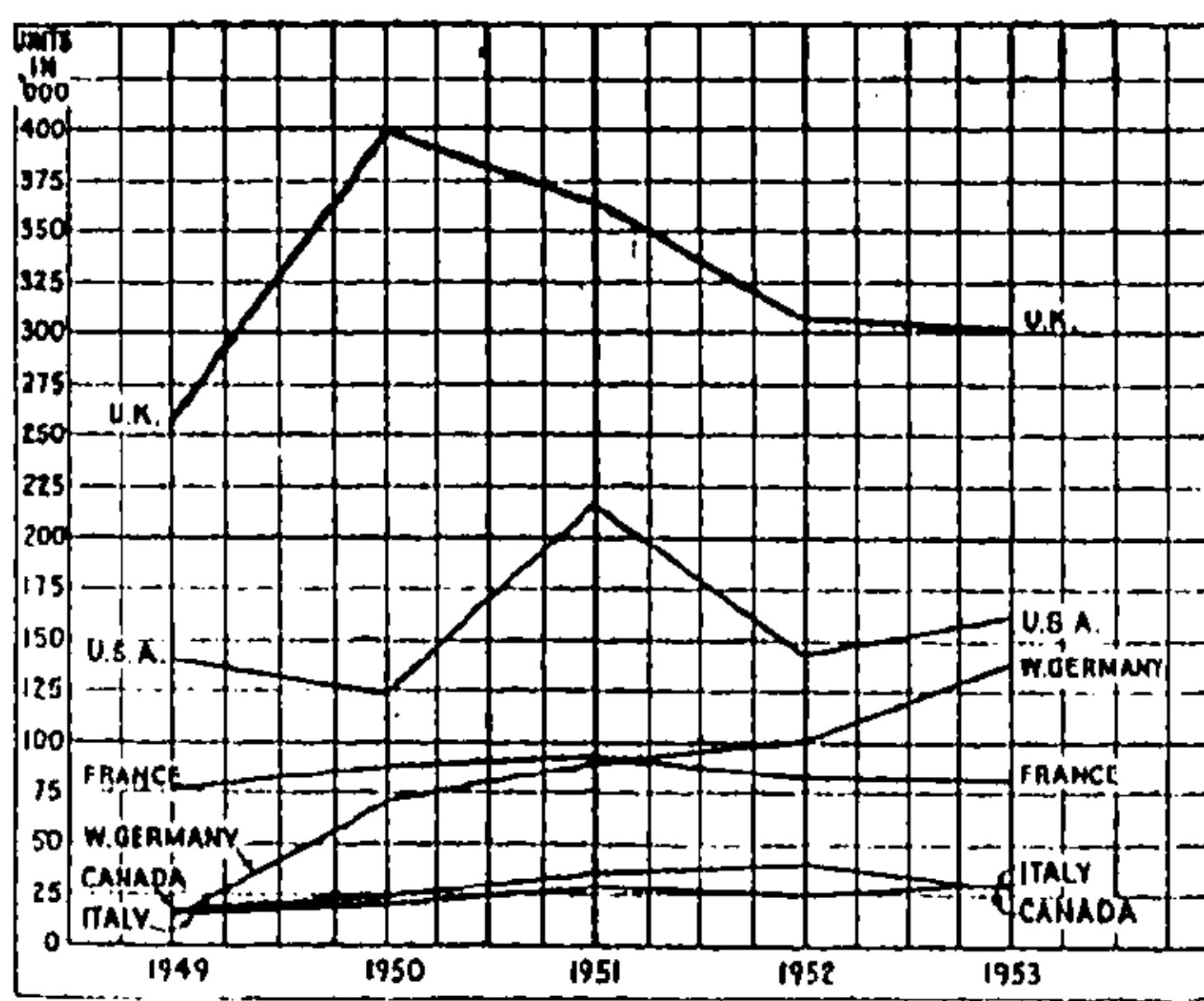
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CAR EXPORTS TO OVERSEAS MARKETS 1949 - 1953



	U.K.	U.S.A.	France	Germany	Canada	Italy
1949	257,922	140,211	76,261	13,950	17,467	15,017
1950	398,302	120,285	88,505	10,859	24,085	19,650
1951	368,737	216,973	93,195	91,146	37,101	28,005
1952	309,832	141,026	82,766	100,336	41,600	25,007
1953	302,223	184,459	81,339	137,869	27,977	30,155
Total	1,637,016	772,954	422,146	412,210	148,376	118,734

* Preliminary figure.

Germany Wants Common Approach To Convertibility In Europe

Bonn, May 4.

The necessary conditions for making the Deutsche mark fully convertible are analysed in an article published in Bonn by the West German Government's official information services.

The article notes that the Deutsche mark has been by far the most stable of the European currencies since free exchange dealings were introduced one year ago. By the end of 1953 the German currency reserve had been built up to 8.2 million marks, the equivalent of almost six months imports.

In recent months the Government has substantially and progressively reduced its currency restrictions. Since the London Debt Agreement of September 1953, certain transfer barriers impeding both the debt service on German commitments abroad and the transfer of proceeds from foreign assets in Germany have been lifted by stages.

A start has been made on relaxing blocked foreign assets in Germany.

The Government's goods imports and service transactions have been liberalised, and in February, 1954, one third of the imports into Germany from the Dollar Area were liberalised.

At least 75 to 80 per cent of German goods imports and service transactions have been effectively liberalised, in that licences still formally required are issued automatically on request.

"The major part of the remaining restrictions on goods and services transactions no longer result from currency policies as such, but from special protective measures, either directly or indirectly, from the non-convertibility of foreign currencies," the article says.

For example, the remaining restrictions on two-thirds of Germany's surplus with ECU countries could be converted into dollars.

"Under present conditions, however, too rapid a further liberalisation of imports from the Dollar Area would strain our dollar balance of payments and at the same time reduce our imports from other countries, thus increasing our non-convertible surpluses in other currencies," the article says.

"The last lap of the road to final convertibility can be covered jointly with other countries only when a sufficient number of our more important trading partners are likewise prepared to make their currencies fully convertible without, at the same time, restricting their imports."

"The pound, sterling, highly important among the not yet fully convertible currencies, will no doubt need to be a participant. But this will possibly not suffice to solve the problem of non-convertible German surpluses for in the long run the Federal Republic probably must anticipate a permanent deficit on its transactions with the Sterling Area."

"Thus we hope that other countries, especially European countries, will be prepared to open their markets to German goods and services, which Germany has a surplus."

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, May 4.

The market eased off on liquidation by trade speculators and nervous holders. Offerings fairly well absorbed and the market closed steady. Future closings:

No. 1 rubber per lb. May 011-011 1/2
June 011-011 1/2
July 011-011 1/2
Aug. 011-011 1/2
Sept. 011-011 1/2
Oct. 011-011 1/2
Nov. 011-011 1/2
Dec. 011-011 1/2

NEW YORK MARKET

New York, May 4.

Rubber futures closed today 30 points lower to 10 points higher with sales of 77 contracts.

Liquidation and hedge selling in a narrow market softened prices after a buoyant opening. Spot No. 1 Rs were quoted at 22 1/2 cents a pound. Prices:

May 22 1/2
June 22 1/2
July 22 1/2
Aug. 22 1/2
Sept. 22 1/2
Oct. 22 1/2
Nov. 22 1/2
Dec. 22 1/2

London Foreign Exchange

London, May 4.

The rubber market was steadier with No. 1 Rs spot quoted at 18-9/10 pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rs spot 18 9/10
Settlement house term 18 9/10
June 18 9/10
July 18 9/10
Aug. 18 9/10
Sept. 18 9/10
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